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NDP jobs program in limbo

ECONOMY

**Critic argues
helping small
business would
be more useful**



**Jeremy
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For Metro | Calgary

The NDP government's much-touted jobs grants look to be in jeopardy.

Though economic development and trade spokeswoman Marion Nader said the government won't cut the program, she couldn't confirm that it's moving forward as originally planned.

The \$178-million jobs creation plan — which promised to create up to 27,000 jobs by reimbursing employers up to 10 per cent of a new hire's salary, to a maximum of \$5,000 — was slated to launch in January.

Information isn't available and no one has applied. The government said the program isn't ready.

Wildrose jobs critic Grant Hunter said the program appears to be limbo, adding the NDP should scrap it.

"We're already in March

now," he said. "And there's still nothing."

Alternatively, Hunter said the government should lower the small business tax rate by one per cent — which would help small businesses hire more people.

"(A tax reduction) is a good start — it helps us be competitive with Saskatchewan," he said. "Businesses will invest in increasing their business if the fundamentals look good, and this government isn't helping that right now."

Nader said the government is ensuring the program meets its objective during the province's economic slowdown.

She said a number of businesses have asked about the program, but did not provide specific numbers when asked.

The 27,000-job-creation figure has also been questioned. If it meets that number, the average grant can only be \$3,300. It won't create 27,000 jobs if all applicants received \$5,000.

Though low oil prices have hampered the economy, Hunter said the NDP have exacerbated the problem with its policies.

Metro requested an interview both Tuesday and Wednesday with minister Deron Bilous, but he was not made available.



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BRT opponents' political stripes begin to emerge

READY TO ENGAGE

Strong PC connection to polling group



Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The political underbelly of Ready to Engage is starting to show through.

On Monday, Mayor Naheed Nenshi suggested there may be political motives behind Ready to Engage, a group opposed to the southwest bus-rapid transit plan (SW BRT). He said the group fielded a "push poll" that asked questions about the mayor's and councillors approval ratings.

On Wednesday the group released results of that poll, backing up some of Nenshi's claims.

The first two questions asked callers about their preference between the mayor and their local councillor. The third question asked if people were aware of the SW BRT project, and the fourth asked if they approved of it — giving five possible answers.

Ready to Engage spokesman

36%

Percentage of Ward 11 residents favour the SW BRT. The same poll said 44% were against it.



Ready to Engage spokesman Rick Donkers speaks to reporters at 14 Street SW and Heritage Drive. BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

Rick Donkers said the group simply asked the political approval question to establish a baseline of approval, in case they do future polls.

The poll was conducted by Pantheon Research Inc, which lists Justin Bumstead as one of its directors. Bumstead also works for research and polling firm Utility Metrics. That trade name is owned by Section Three Inc.,

which has Tyler Shandro listed as an employee.

Shandro is shown as the regional director for Calgary West on the Progressive Conservative party's website.

Another PC party insider, Alan Hallman, has been heavily involved with Ready to Engage. He spoke to Metro before Donkers became spokesman, and was at the news conference Wednesday.

Hallman ran the 2015 election campaign for former Conservative MP Joan Crockatt, and has been bringing door-knocking and campaign expertise to Ready to Engage.

The conservatives in the group stand in contrast to left-leaning Ward 11 councillor Brian Pincott, who ran federally for the NDP twice and bore the brunt of the group's criticism.

Ward 13 councillor Diane Colley Urquhart, who was also included in the poll, ran unsuccessfully for the PC Party in 2009.

Ready to Engage said the poll showed "2 to 1" residents were opposed to the project. In fact, 36 per cent were in favour of the project, with 44 per cent opposed in Ward 11. In Ward 13, the split was 37 per cent supporting and 39 per cent opposed.

ALBERTA

Few docs agree to aid death



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Albertans seeking physician-assisted death may find willing doctors hard to come by.

According to close friends of a Calgary woman known in legal documents as Ms. S, she had to travel to Vancouver to have her life ended because she couldn't find an Alberta doctor willing to help her out.

A judge granted the woman — an ALS sufferer whose identity is shielded by a publication ban — an assisted death exemption on Tuesday.

In January, the Supreme Court gave the federal government until June 6 to come up with a law. In the interim, people seeking a death must go through provincial superior courts for permission. They must also meet certain criteria.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta said it's up patients to find a doctor willing to assist in a death.

College spokeswoman Kelly Eby said the organization doesn't have a database of doctors willing to provide assisted death. The college has chosen not to create a database, she said, adding she's not sure why it made that decision.

Alberta Health said it would fully co-operate with the terms of any court order granting exemption, adding doctors will always be free to refuse the service.

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BYELECTION

Wildrose chides Eggen for announcement

Alberta's education minister is being called out by the opposition for making an announcement during a byelection in Calgary.

Minister David Eggen made an announcement in front of a chemistry class Wednesday morning at Bishop Grandin High School that the NDP's commitment to fully funding enrolment growth has led to more than 740 additional teachers in Alberta classrooms

this school year.

In a release, the Wildrose party said Eggen's announcement was done in a way he once called "a campaign stunt more than anything substantive," and something the precious government "should be ashamed of."

When asked if he should be making this kind of announcement in Calgary during a byelection, Eggen said it was essential to make the announcement

due to the recent release of the Q3 report.

"It's very important during budget deliberations that people understand that we're making a strong commitment to public education right across the province from Fort Chipewyan to Fort McLeod," he said.

Metro also asked Eggen if he'd chided the previous government for making announcements during byelections, to which he responded "myself,

no I didn't."

Later, Eggen's chief of staff, Jeremy Nolais clarified the minister's statement.

"He did speak out about hospital beds at one point because he was opposition health critic at the time," said Nolais. "But, Mandel and Prentice were making government announcements while they were candidates in the election, and minister Eggen obviously isn't running." LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO



Naomi Burkinshaw is concerned the education needs of her son Parker will not be met. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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Parents seek supports for deaf students

EDUCATION

School board says programs all in place to help new kids



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Naomi Burkinshaw has fought for improvements to her son Parker's education for the last four years, and now that changes have been made, it's time for him to change schools.

Burkinshaw said it's been an uphill battle for Parker, a deaf Grade 6 student, to ensure he and others hard of hearing get the same level of education as their hearing peers.

"It's frustrating because I know my son and most of the other kids in his grade have no additional cognitive disability, so they're capable of learning everything at grade level, but they're not really being given that opportunity," she said.

Burkinshaw said over the last four years, as parents have fought for change, it has happened — but always after their kids have moved on.

"They implemented a standalone ASL program and literacy block in their education

for the kids at the elementary school level — this has finally started to happen over the last six months," she said. "Then once we hit junior high all of that's gone."

Burkinshaw said Parker is one of six deaf kids who attend Queen Elizabeth Elementary School. All will all attend Queen Elizabeth Jr./Sr. High School next year.

But, Elizabeth Gouthro, director in learning for CBE said the parents needn't worry, and that they have the appropriate staff, as well as computer programs, apps and video programs to help teach students who are hard of hearing.

"We have currently three teachers of the deaf at the junior and senior high school," she said. "We have six ASL interpreters who help the students with their sign, we have six educational assistance to help with those students, we have one deaf and blind intervener."

Guthro said she believes part of their worries come from the fear of transitioning to a new school.

"As children transition from elementary to junior high school there is always a bit of trepidation and anxiety on behalf of the parents," she said. "We need to assure parents and make them feel confident that we can meet the need of their kids."



They're capable of learning everything at grade level, but they're not really being given that opportunity. Naomi Burkinshaw

THIRD LETTER

Bishop accuses province of indoctrinating children

Calgary Bishop Frederick Henry has released his third letter blasting the Alberta government's gender expression and identity guidelines, writing they are engaged in social re-engineering and indoctrination of children without parental consultation.

"It kind of breaks my heart that we have someone at this level of authority that is only looking through a theological lens when it comes to humanity,"



Frederick Henry COURTESY CALGARY DIOCESE

said Pace Anhorn, a transgender church leader.

Anhorn said that the bishop should be

aware that when the Bible was written, it wasn't written with the understanding of psychology present today.

In the letter, titled Totalitarianism in Alberta — Part III, Henry said the guidelines do not have the force of the law. "For example, Bill 10, in effect, empowers a 12-year-old (theoretically), whom society doesn't consider mature enough to get a driver's licence or to vote, to establish education policy without parental involvement," he wrote, saying it's absurd and immoral to follow such legislation.

Bill 10 ensured schools would have to allow the creation of GSAs and QSAs in schools where students requested one.

LGBTQ advocate Richard Einarson said the statements in his letter are false. "Students are not creating education policy, they're being allowed to join a club," he said.

AARON CHATHA/METRO



Education Minister David Eggen introduced guidelines to help boards draft policy in January. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON

Eight down, 53 to go

EDUCATION

Public school boards lagging in submitting gender policies



Aaron Chatha Metro | Calgary

With less than 30 days until deadline, only eight out of 61 public school boards have submitted a gender identity and expression policy to Alberta Education.

School authorities have until March 31 to submit their policies. An Alberta Education spokesperson said they expect all school authorities will submit policies by the deadline.

In addition to the public schools, 12 private schools have submitted policy drafts to the



If some school boards choose to try to opt out of creating policies, it doesn't opt them out of their responsibility to follow the law.

LGBTQ advocate Richard Einarson

government, though the Alberta Schools Act does not apply the same rules to them as public schools.

Richard Einarson, LGBTQ advocate and spokesman for Safe Schools Alberta, said he's not surprised many schools are cutting it close to deadline.

"I think most of this work was occurring over the first three months of this year, so like many things, a lot of the work happens towards the end," he said.

Education Minister David Eggen originally set the deadline back in November 2015, when a Metro investigation revealed about 74 per cent of boards didn't have a policy in place to

protect transgender youth from discrimination.

While some boards have vocally supported the creation of policies, others have criticized the government's mandate for one — notably, the Fort Vermilion School Division voted in February to defy the education minister and not submit a policy.

Officials stated at the time that current policies already do enough to protect students. At a news conference on Wednesday, Eggen said it was a misunderstanding that has since been cleared up.

"I met with them yesterday and we had a wonderful conversation and, if anything, they're

building a very constructive policy that can probably help other boards as well," Eggen said. "I mean that was the only one we had a small concern about and they came back very effusively showing me just what a great policy they're building to submit on time for LGBTQ students."

Eggen has previously stated that boards will be expected to adhere to the letter of the law when drafting policies, but has not clarified what the consequences will be for boards that do not meet Alberta Education's expectations.

Einarson hopes that if any school boards choose not to pass policies, then Eggen will swiftly deal with the situation.

"If some school boards choose to try to opt out of creating policies, it doesn't opt them out of their responsibility to follow the law," he said.

WITH FILES FROM LUCIE EDWARDSON

GUIDELINES

Eggen: No isolation



Lucie Edwardson Metro | Calgary

The day after Alberta's education Minister David Eggen was "Twitter bombed" by parent advocates in an effort to express their concern for his "Guidelines to Best Practices," the minister said they've taken the guidelines "out of context."

Eggen was at Bishop Grandin High School in Calgary Wednesday morning to talk about how the NDP's commitment to fully funding enrolment growth has led to more than 740 additional teachers in Alberta classrooms this school year.

Eggen said, contrary to what parent advocate groups like Parents For Choice in Education (PCE) think, the LGBTQ policy guidelines aren't meant to isolate parents from their kids.

"I always encourage policy from school boards that includes parents, students, teacher and a collaborative environment based on the way we raise our children," he said. "People have taken that a little out of context and I understand that because of course, as a parent myself, we defend our kids first and foremost."

Donna Trimble, a Calgary parent and executive director for PCE, told Metro Tuesday that they were concerned specifically about the guidelines on Page 6, which state school records will be kept "in a way that respects privacy and confidentiality."

"It makes absolutely no sense whatsoever to isolate parents from their children at a time when they probably need them the most," she said.

But, Eggen said he encourages collaborative policies and guidelines that include parents, students and educators.

"We're making those calls in the classroom and ensuring that we involve parents as much as we possibly, possibly can," he said.

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Rodeo finals may ride away in 2017

CPRA OPENS BIDDING

Professional cowboys hoping for bigger purse



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

After four decades in Edmonton, the Canadian Finals Rodeo may ride off to what it hopes are greener pastures.

On Tuesday, the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA), based in Airdrie, announced its board had rejected an offer from the City of Edmonton, Northlands and the Oilers Entertainment Group to host the rodeo at Rogers Place in 2017 and had opened bidding from other cities.

The association's general manager, Dan Eddy, said while it would be difficult to leave Edmonton, they're looking for a big-

+ LONG HISTORY

The Canadian Finals Rodeo has been held in Edmonton for 43 years, and is worth about \$80 million to Edmonton when combined with Farm Fair International, said Maggie Davison of the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation.

ger purse for rodeo competitors.

"The cowboys, they leave those events and they are not making what they need to make," he said.

He said the CPRA also had other concerns — about the production of the event and protecting sponsors who supported the event at Rexall Place.

Eddy acknowledged Edmonton offered a richer purse than it has previously, but said the numbers aren't as large as the \$3.25 million that has been reported.

He said in the past the CPRA held off taking bids from other

cities, but they could no longer do so. That means any city, including Edmonton, can bid for the 2017 event and the city and the Oilers will have to decide if they will sweeten the offer.

Bob Nicholson, chair of the Oilers Entertainment Group, said there won't be a bid coming from OEG, "that will be any stronger."

He added the group has already considered other bookings for Rogers Place and there isn't much time for the CPRA to change their mind.

"While the Oilers led the bidding process, the city was also involved and offered a portion of the funds.

Mayor Don Iveson said Wednesday he hopes OEG remains open to finding ways to keep the rodeo, and he hopes the Oilers consider both the benefit to the city and the bottom line when they look at hosting events.

"I think time will tell whether the Oilers choose to do what's best for the Oilers or choose to do what's best for the city when it comes to attracting these events."



Action from the 2015 rodeo finals; this may be their last year in Edmonton. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO



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Thousands of dollars pour in for pricey drug trial in the U.S.



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When Oliver DesCoteaux injured his back over a year ago, his recovery was difficult. But doctors and tests came back normal — until he got a call from his Calgary doctor while visiting family in Golden, B.C.

"We got a phone call that said you need to come back to Calgary right now," DesCoteaux said. "I got an ambulance ride to Calgary."

It's called IN1-deficient sinonasal basaloid carcinoma. For a year now, he's been suffering from symptoms of a genetic condition in which cancerous cells grow at an alarming rate.

After four major surgeries,



Oliver DesCoteaux had undergone surgeries and treatments to cure his rare ailment. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

three rounds of chemotherapy and over 40 rounds of radiation, he's found a promising drug trial in the U.S. The only hitch is that it's going to cost \$134,000 US — and the Canadian dollar isn't doing so well.

A Gofundme account DesCoteaux set up this week has surpassed \$60,000 in donations.

"It's really blowing me away," DesCoteaux said. "My parents

have been openly willing to fund as much as possible, and me having a little too much pride, I just don't want them to have to pay for it."

DesCoteaux said he could begin seeing treatments as soon as next week. The same trial would likely be available in Canada, but it could take over six months, and his condition can't wait.

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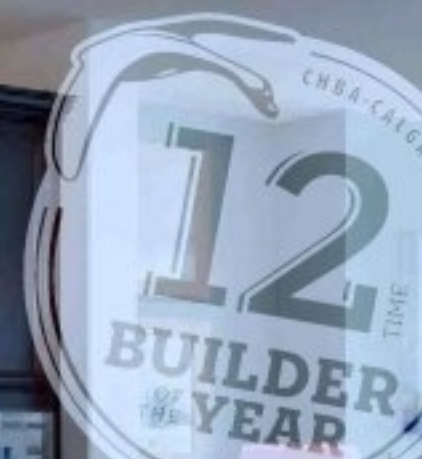
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By the numbers: Calgary recycling

The blue cart program launched in 2009 is helping Calgarians recycle 50 per cent more. But the question is: how? Metro breaks down the city's system.



Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Before 2008, Calgary had community recycling depots where citizens could drop recyclable materials. And, in 2008, the last year before blue bin pickup, the city recycled 41,000 metric tonnes of recyclables.

That number began to climb once easy-to-use blue bins arrived in 2009.

The weight of recyclables Calgarians divert from landfills has grown by about 50 per cent, according to Sharon Howland, leader of program management with waste and recycling.

The weight has levelled off in the past few years, even declining from the 2012 high of 69,000 metric tonnes.

"We keep a close eye on why the numbers move where they move," said Howland. "We did a study — it comes down a lot to material composition chan-

ges in packages."

Howland said pressure from consumers has led companies to alter their packaging. There's been a shift to lighter plastic.

But that's changing again.

"We are seeing the paper cardboard trend going back up a bit, and that's because of online shopping," she said.

Okay, but where does it go?

Everything from your blue bin gets trucked to the city's material-recovery facility in the southeast, privately operated by Cascades Recovery Inc.

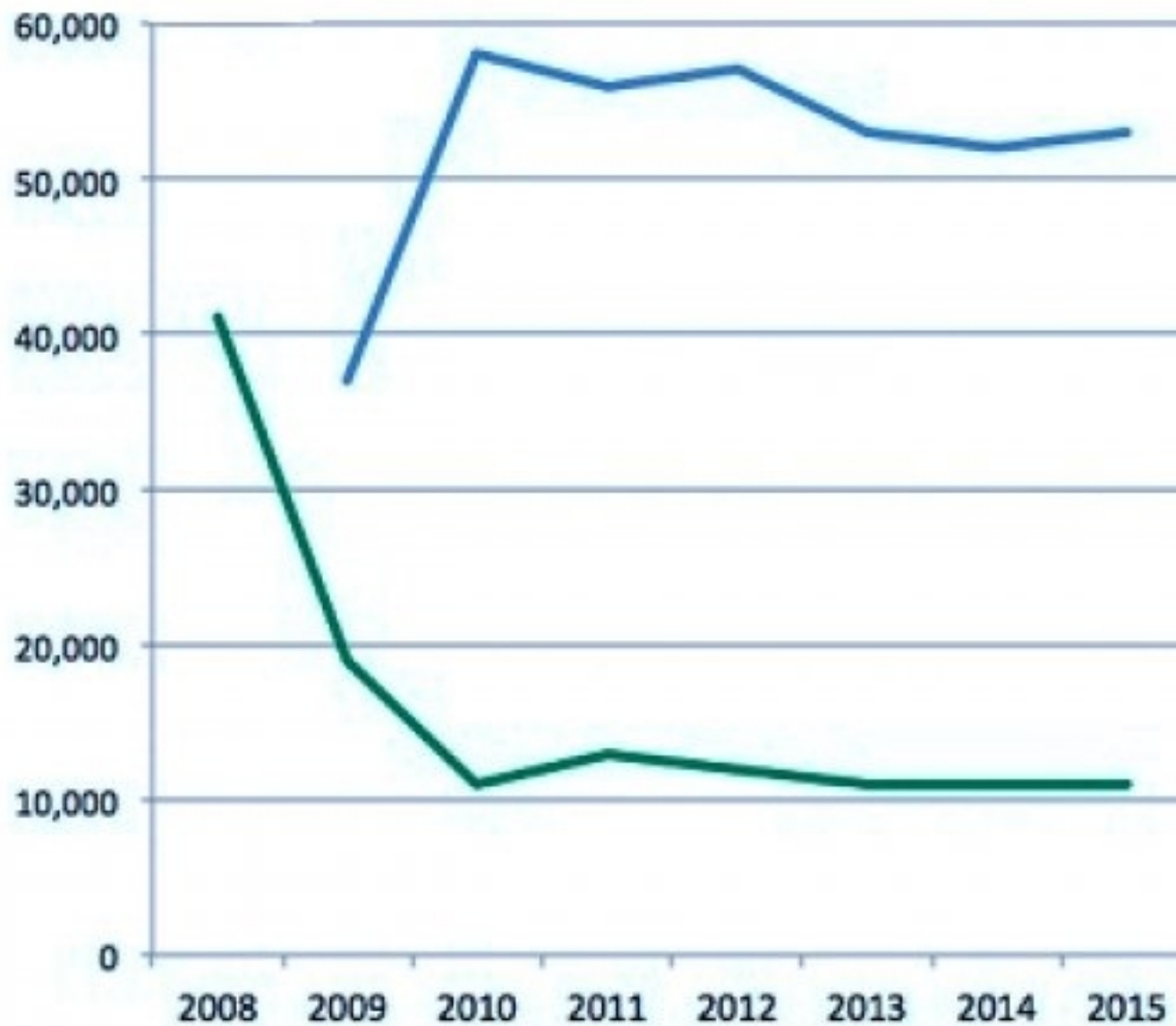
The city pays Cascades to sort the material. Cascades is responsible for getting the goods to market.

But the city gets the revenue from what the company sells. In 2015, that was \$5 million.

The revenue from waste sales does not pay the entire cost of sorting, but it does help offset it, with the rest recouped through the collection fees that each home pays.

"We are seeing the paper cardboard trend going back up a bit, and that's because of online shopping."

Sharon Howland



This graph shows how much waste in metric tonnes the city has collected year by year from community recycling depots and blue bins. The green line represents community drop-offs and the blue line represents blue bin pickup. CONTRIBUTED

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Ever wondered how the city does on refundable bottles in cans from its blue bin program?

Last year, the cans came in at a value of \$800,000, according to Sharon Howland, leader of program management with waste and recycling.

While it may sound like a lot, refundable beverage containers only made up one per cent of blue bin pickups by weight, she said.

The money from the refunds goes directly back into the cost of running the recycling program.

Howland said the value of empties cashed in by the city has held steady from 2011 through to 2015.

The city has no idea how many refundable containers are lost to bottle pickers over the course of a year because it has no way to track that data.

Some bottle depot operators reported a loss in returns once the blue cart program came into effect.

\$5M

Amount in revenue the city collected from the material-recovery facility's market sales in 2015.

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Total cost of the city's recycling program. Costs include trucks, cart maintenance, advertising and processing fees.

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Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Megan Hoefman misses her boyfriend Brendon Gorrill tremendously. With tears in her eyes, she said he took his life last year. "I miss him every day," said Hoefman, a first-year nursing student. "He was the most charming and goofy guy. We were high-school sweethearts."

Hoefman was among numerous Mount Royal University students remembering their loved ones who've passed on.

Dubbed Remembering Together, organizers set up a space for students to place candles and tie ribbons around a tree in remembrance of their



Janet Miller, left, and Monique Verhoef organized Mount Royal University's Remembering Together event. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

loved ones. The tree will be placed in MRU's Wellness Centre as a lasting legacy. According to Monique Verhoef, MRU's diversity and human rights coordinator, loss isn't really talked about. She said the event creates that space for students, faculty

and staff to acknowledge death. "Loss impacts us on a daily basis," she said. "When we talk about bringing ourself to school, (loss) is also a part of it."

Janet Miller, a registered psychologist and chairwoman of student counselling at MRU,

"I miss him every day. He was the most charming and goofy guy."

First-year nursing student Megan Hoefman remembers boyfriend Brendon Gorrill

said loss unites people, letting them embrace their sadness or other emotions. "There's a permission to feel," she said. "There's a finite experience that we have here that's important to acknowledge. I also like that it's quiet — It's not flashy. There's something lovely taking a moment to reflect." Hoefman said talking about loss lets others know it's ok to talk about it, too.

"I like that (MRU) is taking the time to recognize it — it's about more than just going to school," she said. "There are a lot of things students go through on a personal level."

POLICE

Jewelry, cash taken in SW home robbery

Calgary police are looking for some greedy jewelry thieves after a robbery in the city's southwest.

On Feb. 15 between 6:45 and 8:45 a.m., someone gained entry into a home located in the 100 block of Pumpmeadows Place S.W. Several valuables were taken from the home including pieces of expensive and sentimental jewelry and an "undisclosed" amount of cash.

Police are looking to identify both a vehicle and their main suspect. The car is described as a crossover or compact SUV, and the offender was walking northbound along Pumpmeadows



Items stolen in southwest Calgary robbery CALGARY POLICE

Place just before the incident. Police have made photos of the stolen items available.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call police at 403-266-1234, or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477. METRO

TECHNOLOGY

Alberta ditches snail mail, switches to e-reminders for ID, licence renewals

The Alberta government is switching to electronic reminders for registration, licence and identification card renewals.

Danielle Larivee, acting minister of Service Alberta, says the move will save

taxpayers \$3 million a year. She says mailing government reminders is an unnecessary expense and it will stop in April. However, Albertans with disabilities will continue to receive reminders via the mail and seniors over 70 will receive mailed reminders until April 1, 2017.

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Ezra Levant's resignation is accepted

ALBERTA LAW SOCIETY

Move means complaints over column are moot

The Alberta Law Society has accepted a request from outspoken political commentator Ezra Levant to resign effective immediately.

That means two complaints against him over a column he wrote in March 2014 are moot because the law society no longer has jurisdiction over him.

"I feel freed from that leg-hold trap I've been in," Levant said Wednesday after the decision.

He argued before a law society hearing Wednesday that he hasn't practised law in years and moved from Alberta to

pursue other interests.

"I'm glad I went to law school and I use my legal training almost every day, but I use it to do politics or journalism, not as a lawyer," he said in his submission.

"I haven't had a client in years."

He had been scheduled to face a week-long disciplinary hearing in front of the law society over the complaints, but requested last month that it be

turned into a resignation hearing instead. However, he said he would not quit the society unless the complaints against him were lifted.

The column in question criticized the Alberta Human Rights Commission's handling of a case involving a Muslim man who was claiming discrimination when he was fired from his job as an electrician in Edmonton.

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Outspoken political commentator Ezra Levant arrives at the Law Society of Alberta in Calgary on Wednesday.

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CITY HALL

Councillors space 'half a desk' larger



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

It's going to be a bullpen.

The City of Calgary has finalized the location and timeline for the councillor office move necessary to begin restoration on Old City Hall. According to a spokesman, two floors will become one, with about the same square footage — and that's where councillor staff, city clerks and the councillors themselves will work for four years.

"They're moving about 20 feet, and they'll all be in one building," Darrel Bell, director of Corporate Properties and Buildings said, adding they're moving to the administration building in the City Hall complex. "We've done the calculations and basically if we look at where their offices are today, they have an extra two square feet per councillor — which is half a desk."

Councillors will have their own closed-doored offices, and staff will be in a shared open-concept area with Mayor Naheed Nenshi's office on its own level.

Coun. Richard Pootmans, who currently has one of the smallest offices, lamented about his lively view of Olym-

pic plaza, but said overall the change will be good.

"I've got the world's greatest office ... I've seen the world go by, all the demonstrations, all the things outside, it's just an incredible view on the city from here," said Pootmans. "That will be sad ... it's a perfectly fine office environment, it just doesn't have the character of a 100-year-old sandstone building."

Coun. Evan Woolley thinks the change in dynamics will be interesting in practice. A lot of councillors work with each other on a daily basis outside of chambers. "This new setup is all on a single floor, and very bullpen style ... It will be interesting to see how these people from what are a variety of backgrounds get together — I'm not too fussed about it."



Old City Hall

JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

CRIME

Police looking for lone suspect in home invasion

An elderly Calgarian was the victim of a home invasion late Tuesday evening, prompting police to remind citizens to make sure they know who they're opening their doors for.

According to CPS, a man rang the doorbell of the home in the O-100 block of Harvest Grove Green NE, between 9:45 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Tuesday.

He brandished a weapon and forced his way into the home and collected valuables including money and jewelry before fleeing. No one was injured.

The suspect is described as five-foot-10 tall. He was wearing a black balaclava, black gloves, black jacket, and dark blue or black pants.

Investigators believe this was a random incident.

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'It's a friendly face in these tough times'

RESTAURANT

The Unicorn Pub reopened at new location on March 1



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Last year it appeared Calgary's Unicorn Pub would fade into myth, only known through stories from old barflies gathered around ye ol' taphouse.

Fortunately for said barflies, it's back.

Last May, after nearly 36 years, the Unicorn Pub lost its space to make way for Simons, a Quebec fashion retailer. The staff, and many of the regulars, moved half a block away to the Below Deck Tavern and Libertine Public House.

As of March 1, the Libertine and Below Deck combined to become the new, three-floor Unicorn Superpub.

"The basement is the Unicorn kitchen party — more your classic Unicorn," explained Manager Kevin Warner.

The main floor will be a little more modern, with many items similar to the Libertine.

Finally, the top floor will be the Unicorn Sports Cantina, which will have a bit more of a sports flair and Mexican-themed items.



Manager Kevin Warner, who also managed to old Unicorn location, said the regulars are excited for its return. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

"We're being true to the regulars that Below Deck and Libertine developed in their time here," said Warner, who was manager at the old Unicorn location for more than five years, and hasn't stopped wearing his Unicorn jacket since they closed.

"We're really glad to have them back," said Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Calgary Downtown Association. "It's a friendly face in these tough times."

Schofield said the pub had become a Calgary icon that

"We're really glad to have them back."

Maggie Schofield

had been around longer than some Calgarians. Many are excited to see a return of their fun atmosphere and great price point.

"It's one of those cheap and cheerful places people like to hang out in," she said. "It's maybe our version of the

Cheers bar in Calgary."

In the very short time it's been back, Warner said he's already seen excited patrons filing in.

"It kind of broke down these barriers between different types of people in Calgary," Warner recalled. "On any given day, there was a construction guy bumping into a lawyer or oil and gas guys. It was just an everybody pub."

"If we're lucky, we've captured that somewhat in the new place. That's all we're going for."

SERVICES

Council considers maintenance review



Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Should wealthier communities be able to pay for higher levels of service from the city?

That was the question city councillors grappled with Wednesday, as a committee considered a review on the city's parks enhanced maintenance service.

For 15 years, the city has levied slightly higher fees on certain communities — at their request — in return for higher level of service at certain parks.

Some councillors, such as Jim Stevenson, said they think the program is working fine.

"When communities want to spend some extra to really take pride in their community, I believe it lifts all the communities in the city," he said. "I think this is an initiative we should not only allow but encourage."

However Ward 8 Coun. Evan Woolley said he sees a fundamental problem with allowing some communities to pay for better service.

"The reason we pay property taxes is to build beautiful communities for everybody," said Woolley. "What we do is create a different class of citizen based on their ability to pay and I am fundamentally challenged by that."

Administration is undertaking a review of the program and will report back to council in coming months.



"The reason we pay property taxes is to build beautiful communities for everybody."

Coun. Evan Woolley

GOLDEN, B.C.

Coroner identifies avalanche victim

An Alberta man who died after an avalanche near Golden, B.C., has been identified.

The BC Coroners Service says 64-year-old Douglas Churchill was from Canmore, Alta.

He was among 13 people who travelled to the Esplanade area about 50 kilometres northwest of Golden to go skiing in the backcountry.

A large avalanche struck on

the morning of Feb. 21, and several members of the group were buried, including Churchill.

Others in the party found Churchill and dug him out, and he was taken to a local hospital before being airlifted to Foot-hills Hospital in Calgary, where died three days later.

The BC Coroners Service and the RCMP are still investigating his death. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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IN BRIEF

Travellers advised to delay pregnancy 2 months

The Public Health Agency of Canada is advising women who want to get pregnant to wait at least two months after visiting countries where the Zika virus is circulating or could circulate, before trying to conceive. The mosquito-borne virus has been linked to thousands of cases of newborns with small heads.

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Man seeks junk owner

Kit Pullen woke up Wednesday to piles of furniture outside his garage door. The Ottawa man says he doesn't know how it got there or what to do with it. A neighbour told Pullen he'd seen a U-Haul in his driveway at 3 a.m. The pile contained an apartment's worth of stuff, he said.

Eventually, Pullen says provincial police told him they'd pulled over a U-Haul van near Kingston, Ont. and the driver told them he and his partner were on the way back to correct their mistake.

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'Eager to take our place'

CLIMATE CHANGE

Trudeau says Canada will be a leader in new green economy

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the world economy is quickly moving toward recognizing the importance of protecting the environment, and he wants Canada to be part of it.

"The future is coming at us fast, and I know Canadians are ready for it. We're eager to take our place among the leaders in this new economy. Canadians don't fear the future. We want to play a leading role in shaping it," Trudeau said Wednesday in an address to the opening plenary session of the Globe Series clean technology conference in Vancouver.

Trudeau said, however, that cannot mean abandoning the oil and gas sector — including plans to build more pipelines.

"The choice between pipelines and wind turbines is a false one. We need both to reach our goal, and as we continue to ensure

there is a market for our natural resources, our deepening commitment to a cleaner future will be a valuable advantage," he said.

It was not the most popular line in a speech otherwise devoted to the goal of accelerating the transition into a low-carbon economy — the announcement of \$125 million in clean-technology funding was greeted more warmly by the friendly crowd — but it displayed the fine balancing act Trudeau must perform as he headed into tough negotiations with the 13 provincial and territorial premiers.

The goal of the first ministers meeting is to hammer out how Canada can live up to the commitment, and the hype, of the COP21 United Nations climate conference in Paris last December.

"All the provinces made a commitment in Paris to be part of the solution. I know Canadians are united in their desire to see concrete and positive action in the area of the environment and clean energy. We will work together," Trudeau said.

That was in response to a question about whether the Liberal government would impose a



The PM addresses the Globe 2016 conference in Vancouver. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

carbon-pricing regime on provinces that are resisting the idea — Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, who is running for re-election, the most vocal among them — a major sticking point heading into the meeting.

It is highly unlikely, though, that a pan-Canadian carbon price

would be decided this week.

"What we want first and foremost is the flexibility to determine within each and every jurisdiction, the way that we see fit to best reduce the carbon footprint in our provinces and keeping our economies competitive," Newfoundland and

Labrador Premier Dwight Ball told reporters Wednesday after the premiers wrapped up their own meeting without Trudeau.

Even Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne said she does not support the federal government imposing anything on the provinces. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MMIW

Support for indigenous women's inquiry low in the Prairies



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan have the greatest concentration of indigenous people in the country, but Prairie residents' support for the ongoing inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) is lower than anywhere else.

Results of an Angus Reid Insti-

tute survey released Wednesday shows Prairie residents are less confident than other Canadians that the inquiry will yield a better situation for indigenous women.

In Manitoba, which Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett calls "ground zero" for the issue, only 33 per cent of respondents are optimistic things will improve post-inquiry.

A further 33 per cent are "very pessimistic," and 24 per cent are "moderately pessimistic," while

the remainder aren't sure.

Albertans' outlook is similarly bleak, with 31 per cent optimistic, and Saskatchewanians registered the lowest vote of confidence of all with just 28 per cent expecting a positive outcome.

Compared to 46 per cent of respondents being optimistic in Ontario, and 46 per cent in Quebec, or the 44 per cent national average, the Prairies don't hold much hope for the inquiry doing good for the country.

Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said there are a number of reasons for the cynicism.

"Some of it is simply (doubt) the recommendations will be followed," she said. The survey found 35 per cent of respondents had that opinion.

Another 24 per cent said "this would be better left to police and the courts," 21 per cent said the issue is too big and "basically unresolvable," and 7 per cent said it's "over-exaggerated in

the first place."

"And there is a sense as well that, we know as a country what the issues are, do we really need an inquiry to look at these issues?" Kurl said.

Beyond hoping for a positive outcome, the Prairies also hold the lowest support in general for the inquiry; although the national average for support is 79 per cent, Manitobans and Albertans are both only 60 per cent in favour.



Minister Carolyn Bennett
BRAEDEN JONES/METRO



Montreal furrier Sarkis Ajamian has been practicing his trade for the past 25 years. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Furriers practise trade in changing times

As Sarkis Ajamian carefully slices the head off a silver fox pelt — being sure to not cut any of the silky grey hair — he's participating in an increasingly rare Canadian tradition.

Ajamian is a third-generation furrier and one of the dwindling number of people left in Montreal who specialize in transforming pelts into fur coats.

The process is labour-intensive — much of it still done by hand using methods that have remained largely unchanged since Ajamian's grandfather launched the family business in Armenia in 1890.

"A real furrier knows how to put the skins together so every-

thing looks exact, because you're bringing in something from nature," says Ajamian, 59.

Though many techniques remain the same, Montreal's fur industry has changed profoundly since Ajamian entered the business 25 years ago. Today he is one of only a few dozen furriers left in a city once called the "fur capital of North America," where foreign buyers flocked to buy pelts at auction and small companies galore occupied the downtown fur district.

Montreal benefited from immigration that drew skilled furriers to the city in the first half of the 20th century. At its peak in the '70s and '80s, there

were about 200 fur manufacturing and supply companies in Montreal, according to Alan Herscovici, executive vice-president of the Fur Council of Canada. Today, he estimates only 40 remain.

In the workshop above his store, Ajamian cuts a pelt into strips which he sews together by machine. He and his workers will shape and cut the fur blocks using a pattern, sew it together and send it elsewhere to be cleaned in large drums of sawdust and chemicals. The finishing is done in shop, with de-

40

Estimated number of Montreal furriers practising today

tails such as pockets sewed by hand.

At one time, the business paid well, but now Ajamian says he can't get a bank loan because "they tell me I'm working in a dead industry."

He makes do with less tangible rewards: doing what he likes and having his work appreciated as art.

The industry's decline was caused by a trifecta of factors in the '80s: a plummeting stock market, the gradual shift of manufacturing to China and the rise of the animal-rights movement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UNITED KINGDOM

U.K. researchers find grey hair gene

If you've experienced the distress of looking in the mirror and unearthing an uninvited grey hair staring back at you, apparently your ancestors are to blame.

A study led by England's University College London (UCL) claims to have discovered the first grey hair gene, confirming that environmental factors are not the only reasons your hair will change colour.

The study for Nature Communications journal analyzed 6,000 people across Latin America to identify the IRF4 gene, which helps determine hair, skin and eye colour.

The research differed from previous studies by focusing on Latin America rather than people of European descent.

"We already know several genes involved in balding and hair colour but this is the first

time a gene for greying has been identified in humans, as well as other genes influencing hair shape and density," said the lead author from UCL, Dr. Kaustubh Adhikari.

"It was only possible because we analyzed a diverse melting pot of people, which hasn't been done before on this scale."

The discovery could lead to the development of new cosmetic products to combat grey hair, now that researchers better understand why hair changes colour.

"Understanding the mechanism of the IRF4 greying association could also be relevant for developing ways to delay hair greying," said UCL Professor Andrés Ruiz-Linares.

The study also found genes associated with beard thickness and monobrow prevalence.

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Grey-haired Anderson Cooper THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ APPLICATION

The English research team's findings have potential forensic and cosmetic applications which will develop as scientists increase their knowledge about how our genetics influence the way that we look.

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REFUGEES

EU border closures a boon for smugglers

Tensions simmered one night inside the smoky Belgrade City cafe in a rough neighbourhood near the train station. The price of a human being was being decided.

Dozens of young Middle Eastern and African men dressed in track suits and woolen caps were frantically negotiating with a Serbian smuggler on the costs of illegal trips over Balkan borders that are rapidly closing to them. The migrants, desperate to escape war and poverty in their homelands, needed help to get closer to their dream destination - Western Europe.

"I cannot do it for less than 5,000 (euros) for that group," the smuggler told a Moroccan middleman in English, who relayed the sum in Arabic on his cellphone to others. There was a short pause.

"That's too much for those people, they don't have that money," the Moroccan said.

"Then, no deal," the Serb smuggler replied.

Human trafficking is back in a big way in the Serbian capital and elsewhere along the Balkan migrant corridor — a veritable growth industry for locals as European Union nations slam their borders shut in a domino effect, leaving thousands of refugees stuck at Greece's northern border.

Prices have risen to 1,000 euros (\$1,090) per migrant for a 600-kilometre trip from the Greek border with Macedonia to the Serbian capital, he said.

It will cost another 1,000 to 3,000 euros (\$1,090 to \$3,260) for the 600 more kilometres further to Vienna, the Austrian capital.

Greek police estimated that up to 10,000 refugees, including many families, were stuck at its northern border, overflowing the refugee camp at Idomeni.

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There are 10,000 refugees, including many families, stuck at Greece's northern border.



Worrying about this man gives Toronto political scientist (and American) Stephen Newman some "serious heartburn" and makes him gravely concerned about the face America is presenting to the world. GETTY IMAGES

Trump rides wave of populist support

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Experts reveal the appeal of GOP contender to Americans



Jessica Smith Cross Metro | Toronto

It's a tale of two Americans in Canada. One thinks Donald Trump as president would be a disaster and the other might help vote him in.

But they agree on this: Trump's surging popularity is America's version of a "populist revolt."

"A lot of the people that Trump appeals to have been really feeling hard-hit, they've been hard-pressed, they haven't been getting any relief," said Stephen Newman, an American who teaches political science at Toronto's York University.

Many Americans have legitimate economic grievances and know establishment politicians aren't offering real solutions, Newman said.

That's the basis of a kind of a kind of populist revolt that's brought outsider, and sometimes extremist, politicians to power all over the world.

"He really has read the moment," Newman said. "He does have a huckster's intuition about what is going to sell."

Craig Wolverton, a dual cit-

izen who was born in Florida but now lives in Qualicum Beach, B.C., agrees with the "populist revolt" theory.

"He's a proven businessman, he has a ton of success and I think Americans are wanting a change from the traditional political establishment," he said.

Wolverton and Newman also share a criticism of Trump: They have no idea what he'd actually do if elected, and they haven't seen a real platform yet.

Wolverton isn't sure if Trump's controversial comments about race were made because he doesn't think before opening his mouth or because he knows inflammatory statements grab headlines. Newman sees Trump's comments about Muslims and Mexicans

+ CARSON EXITS

Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson ended his campaign after a poor finish across the Super Tuesday primaries. Carson said he sees "no path forward" to the nomination.

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as xenophobic.

Those feelings aren't uniquely American, he said, and boosted the popularity of politicians like Italy's Silvio Berlusconi and France's Marie Le Pen. But, they tend to play out with a different "local flavour" wherever they occur. In America, that flavour is Trump.

MOVE TO CANADA

Google searches spike after Trump wins



Colin McNeil Metro | Canada

Searches for "how to move to Canada" and "how can I move to Canada?" hit all-time highs after the likely Republican nominee came away with primary wins

in seven states Tuesday night.

Google data editor Simon Rogers tweeted that interest in the search term spiked 350 per cent after Donald Trump secured wins in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia.

The official Google Trends ac-

count also tweeted that "Searches for 'Move to Canada' are higher than at any time in Google history."

This comes weeks after a website in Cape Breton, N.S., urged Americans to move there if Trump becomes president.

Coincidentally, the immigration section of Government of

Canada website was experiencing delays Wednesday. In a release, the immigration office refuted any claims it was due to the Trump trend.

Norm Kelly, Toronto city councillor and infamous 'Internet Dad,' tweeted a link to the website, which had more than 40,000 retweets.

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Rexall Health sold for \$3B

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DRUG STORES

Chain has been undergoing big changes in recent years

Canada's Rexall Health drug-store chain has been sold to U.S. health-care company McKesson Corporation for \$3 billion.

The deal was announced Wednesday morning, and is expected to close later this year.

Rexall has 470 retail pharmacies in Canada and is privately owned by the Calgary-based Katz Group, which describes itself as one of Canada's largest privately owned enterprises.

Daryl Katz, Katz Group founder and chairman, is also owner and governor of the Edmonton Oilers.

"I have the utmost confidence that Rexall Health will continue to flourish under McKesson's ownership," Katz said in a notice to investors posted to McKesson's website.

The companies say Rexall Health will continue to be led by its current management,



Rexall branded products are shown in a store in Ottawa. The national pharmacy chain describes itself as one of Canada's largest privately owned enterprises. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rexall Health will continue to flourish under McKesson's ownership. Daryl Katz, Katz Group founder

headed by CEO Jurgen Schreiber. The Rexall chain has been undergoing big changes over

the past four years, selling franchised stores and renovating and improving stores and add-

ing services.

Rexall was at the forefront of moving flu shots into pharmacies at a time when provinces were introducing generic drug bills to make it cheaper to buy drugs — and less lucrative for

13,000

The number of people that will be employed by the Rexall chain and McKesson's existing operations in Canada.

pharmacies.

"Canada's health-care environment is rapidly evolving; it is marked by a move of primary care into pharmacy and increasingly complex patient demand. With today's announcement, McKesson will bring together the strengths and expertise of our diverse portfolio to address challenges and opportunities in delivering the very best patient care," said John H. Hammergren, chairman and chief executive officer, McKesson Corporation, in a news release to investors.

McKesson is already operating in Canada in the pharmaceutical supply chain sector. Together the Rexall chain and McKesson's existing operations in Canada will employ 13,000 people.

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1 Rexall has been around since 1904.

2 Rexall boss Daryl Katz learned about the pharmacy business from his father Barry, who opened a small drug store in 1955 in Edmonton.

3 In February 2008, Katz paid \$200 million to buy the Edmonton Oilers. He was 46 at the time.

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USED GOODS ECONOMY

Second-hand sales a \$36 billion market, Kijiji study finds



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Buying or selling second-hand goods is becoming more and more popular among Canadians, according to a study

by online marketplace Kijiji.

Nearly 85 per cent of Canadians bought, sold or exchanged a used product in the past year for an estimated \$36 billion in economic activity, according to the second annual Kijiji Second-Hand Economy Index, released

Tuesday.

By participating in a second-hand marketplace such as Kijiji, Craigslist or a thrift store, Canadians can save an average of \$480 and earn an average of \$883 per year, according to the survey of nearly 6,000 Canadians.

University of Victoria associate professor of economics Lindsay Tedds, who independently analyzed the survey data collected by Montreal-based MBA Recherche, said the data indicates people put the extra money into buying new goods.

"It was just amazing to find

that the second-hand economy does not crowd out purchases for new goods," Tedds said. "This is economic activity that wouldn't occur otherwise."

Vancouver was more active than any other city when it came to purchasing second-hand goods, followed closely

by Edmonton and Montreal. Hamilton, Ont., and Ottawa-Gatineau residents were the least likely to participate in the second-hand economy.

The most popular second-hand goods to change hands are clothing, shoes and accessories.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON MAKING PEACE AMONG PREMIERS



To varying degrees, Canada's first ministers all subscribe to the notion that getting more Western Canada oil to tidewater is in the economic interest of the country.

When all is said and done, there is no rational reason for this week's climate-change gathering of first ministers in Vancouver to feature an East-West brawl over pipelines.

Unless the premiers of the energy-producing provinces are irresistibly inclined to lead a charge on windmills, they have no reason to get on their high horses in order to cast themselves as champions of their resources industry.

When it comes to the pipeline agenda, there are no irreconcilable differences between Canada's first ministers. Remarkably, to a man and a woman, the premiers and the prime minister are all sold on it.

To varying degrees they all subscribe to the notion that getting more Western Canada oil to tidewater is in the economic interest of the country. Challengers of that perspective are few and far between in the Canadian political mainstream and none currently sits at the federal-provincial table.

The wide pro-pipeline consensus includes Quebec's Philippe Couillard. This week, he has been present in some media and political quarters — including in the corridors of the Saskatchewan government in Regina — as a black sheep for insisting the Energy East project live up to Quebec's environmental standards.

And yet that is not even a position Couillard arrived at readily. The province's hand was at least partly forced by events. Sadly, for those who would not let a few facts get in the way of a good West-versus-East plot line, those events mostly took place in British Columbia.

A few years ago, the B.C. government left the responsibility to assess the environmental impact of the

Northern Gateway pipeline to the National Energy Board. It based that decision on the argument that interprovincial projects such as pipelines fall squarely under the constitutional authority of the federal government.

B.C. did submit some conditions for supporting Northern Gateway to the federal panel. Most of them were eventually tossed aside by Stephen Harper's cabinet when it gave the pipeline the final go-ahead — almost.

In between the two decisions, some First Nations groups took the province to court. In mid-January the B.C. Supreme Court found the province had abdicated its responsibilities when it declined to conduct its own assessment of the pipeline. It said Christy

Clark's government did have the legal duty to insure its environmental standards were respected.

"British Columbia, within its own jurisdiction, has unique objectives, political and social goals, and legal obligations, the court concluded... it cannot be the intention of the legislators to allow the voice of British Columbia to be removed in this process for an unknown number of projects, when the purpose behind the EAA (Environmental Assessment Act) is to promote economic interest in this province, and to protect its land and environment."

A similar train has been barreling down the legal track in Quebec.

The provincial decision to seek an injunction to require

TransCanada to submit to the Quebec environmental regulatory process comes as a coalition of environmental groups is asking a court to force Couillard's government to do a full-fledged assessment of the Energy East pipeline.

Like his B.C. counterpart, Couillard has to manage public opinion and the pipeline-adverse official opposition.

If it is to make headway on the project with Quebecers, the last thing the Liberal government needs is to be seen to be dragged by the courts to the task of exerting due diligence on its environmental impact.

Notwithstanding the spin from Conservative quarters in Saskatchewan, Alberta and at the federal level, there are no magic shortcuts to getting shovels in the pipeline ground.

For a decade, Harper's government claimed it had found some. But those shortcuts have all led to quagmires. Pretending a mess that could pave the way to decades of litigation does not exist will not make it go away.

A final word: It may be time for pipeline proponents to drop the tired comparison between projects such as Energy East and the 19th century building of Canada's national railway.

Does anyone seriously believe it helps the pipeline cause to hark back to a time when governments and corporations felt invested with a quasi-divine right to displace aboriginal communities as they saw fit and when the words "sustainable" and "development" were a century away from being routinely paired?

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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People who use coffee-pod machines belong in the 1950s

In 1955, Life magazine jubilantly declared the age of "Throwaway Living: Disposable items cut down household chores."

Housewives needn't clean up the frying pan or the dog bowl, the article gushed. Why bother when you can toss it, along with the draperies? It recommended the toss-away barbecue — built with an "asbestos shell."

Ah, the quaint ignorance of the '50s. Today, we know environmentally damaging waste ends up swirling around in state-sized piles in the ocean, and asbestos kills you.

And yet, there currently exists a product so wasteful, so unnecessary, based solely on convenience and with zero other redeeming qualities, and it's selling like hotcakes.

I'm talking about coffee pods. Coffee pods are an abomination, a product for the wilfully wasteful, the arrogantly lazy, and the ad-ready George Clooney.

People who drink from these machines — most famously Keurig — belong in the 1950s, where their eco guiltlessness is quite in keeping with the times.

But this is 2016. Three years ago, the World Bank was already predicting that global waste would triple — triple! — by 2100, before it begins to "decline in different regions at different times, depending in part on population growth,

waste reduction efforts, and changes in consumption."

Changes, what changes? In Canada, coffee pod machines are on "four out of every 10 Canadian counters," according to the National Post. And Keurig's effort to make the cups recyclable by 2020 won't stop the drain on resources to produce the cups. Even the creator of Keurig's K-Cup machines has remorse: "I feel bad sometimes that I ever did it," he told The Atlantic.

Last month, Hamburg, Germany became the first city to ban coffee pod machines in municipal buildings, citing the waste they create. It will probably also end up cutting the coffee budget, since even the K-Cup's creator admits the machines are expensive to use. That's because each company's machines employ an Apple-esque proprietary model that forces you to use the same company's pods.

As if all this weren't enough, coffee pod machines are a threat to relationships everywhere: Only able to brew one cup at a time, couples must choose every morning who to serve first — themselves or their partner?

But the nail in the coffin, the death of whatever thin sympathy might remain, is this: The coffee itself is entirely ordinary.

Even Nespresso-selling Clooney shouldn't convince you otherwise.

THE MICROTREND: #TrumpYourCat



It's a trend for our times. The people of the Internet love cats. They're fascinated by U.S. Republican front-runner Donald Trump to a comparable degree. Naturally, it follows that #TrumpYourCat has taken off on social media, encouraging amateur hairstylists everywhere to attempt to coif their fur-babies into a 'do resembling the brash billionaire's elaborate and (he says) authentic comb-over. This feline phenomenon apparently began with someone going by the name Donald Purrrump, who is promoting the slogan "Trump your cat, just don't Trump America."

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This looks like a job for Lois Lane

In his comprehensive and often lively study of Superman's love-interest, Lois Lane, Halifax-based comic historian Tim Hanley describes his subject as "Superman without the superpowers ... [Lois] is just as committed to truth and justice through her tireless reporting, and just as willing to put herself in harm's way to help someone." Here is a look at Lane's portrayal over the years **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

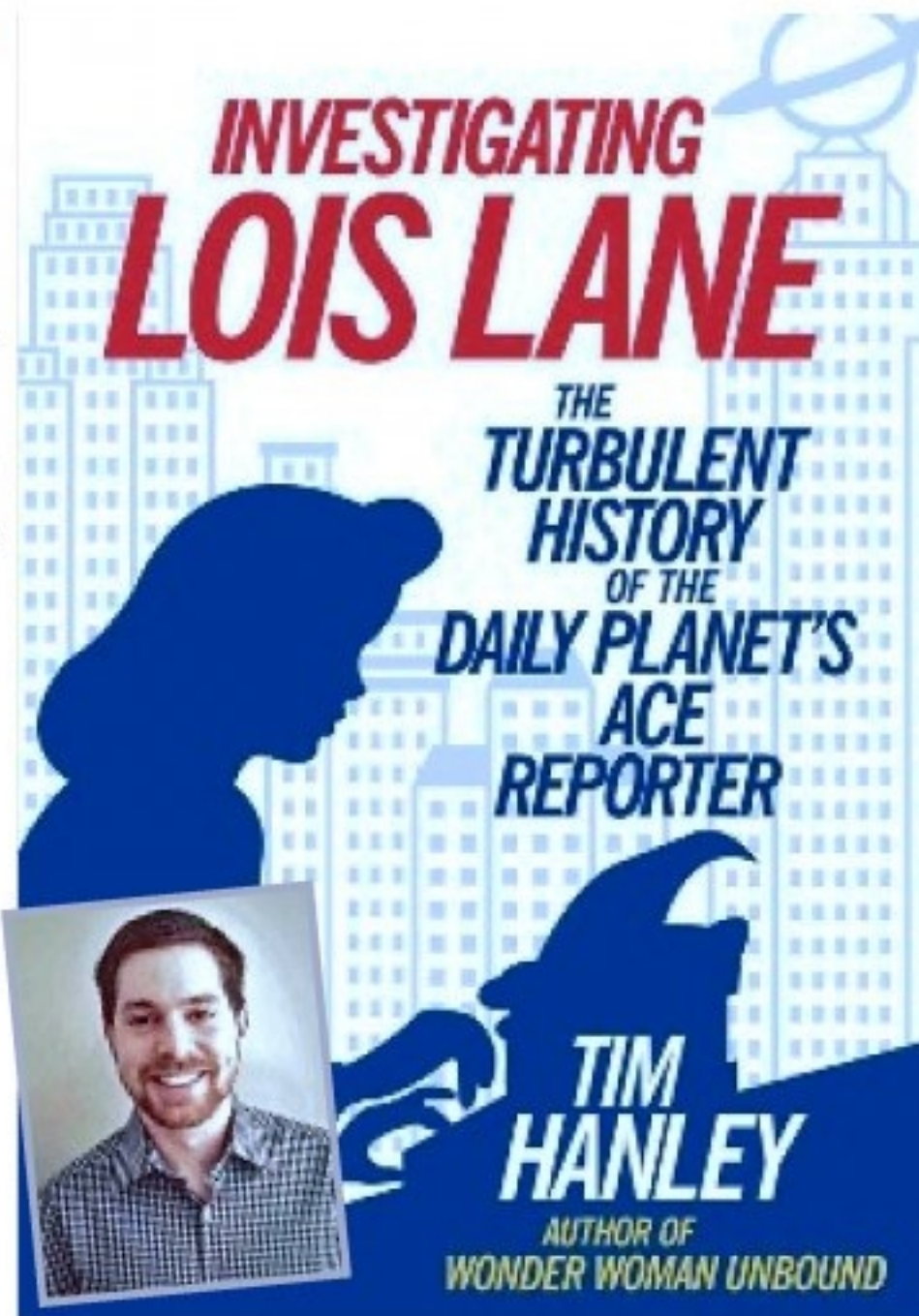
EMPOWERED & OBJECTIFIED

From ace reporter to damsel in distress

At the time of her debut, in the first Superman comic, in 1938, Lois was an independent professional when few women were, having worked her way up from the lovelorn column to the front pages of the Daily Star. Even more unusual, she was happily single.

As time went on, however, Lois was increasingly cast in the role of damsel in distress: her reporting job put her in dangerous situations so Superman could rescue her. Superman was the object of her affections but also, paradoxically, her rival. He used his superpowers to get to stories before she did, then scooped her in his guise as Clark Kent.

Portrayals of Lois have, in the 75 years since, constantly toggled between empowerment and objectification. Sometimes this was a reflection of broader social trends.



A SHORT-LIVED AWAKENING

Total Kryptonite



In the '60s, in the spin-off comic Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane, Lois had a short-lived feminist awakening: she mastered a Kryptonian form of self-defence, went undercover with a motorcycle gang, and asked to be called "Ms." But on a micro level

Lois' fate was also determined by the sexist whims and opinions of the overwhelmingly male roster of artists and writers who worked on her.

CREATIVE BUST-UP

A model wife



Some of the most intriguing aspects of Lois' story occur outside comic panels. The model who posed for Canadian illustrator Joe Shuster's initial sketches of Lois eventually married his creative partner (and writer of the comic) Jerry Siegel — a factor in the men's 25-year

estrangement. Both actresses who played Lois in the '50s TV version of Superman had double L's in their names. And the show's star, George Reeves, was engaged to a dubious socialite named Leonore Lemmon at the time of his sudden, mysterious death in 1959.

EVERY LOIS LANE ITERATION EVER

Comic effect

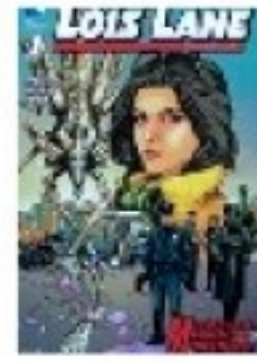


Investigating Lois Lane cites and assesses what feels like every Lois iteration, whether in print, TV, movies, or on stage. Depending on your relationship to comics, this will be either a plus or a minus. Aficionados will appreciate it, while those with a more peripheral

interest in the form may find the book's exhaustiveness — especially in the later chapters — exhausting at times.

SHRINKING MEDIA LANDSCAPE

Future under threat



Hanley writes from an unabashedly feminist slant (his previous book was about Wonder Woman) and has an obvious, appealing affection for his heroine. There may be more to say about Lois soon: given that the status of journalists is arguably under greater threat, in

today's shrinking media landscape, than the status of women, her future could prove even more interesting than her past.

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A portrait of the artist as a young tree

BIG KIDS

DeForge revisits his teens in new graphic novel

Brightly coloured posters paper the walls of Michael DeForge's two-room basement apartment: dapperly dressed anthropomorphic cats; the retina-scorching colours of Montreal art-duo Seripop; a full-page vintage Annie comic from 1936, originally published in The Toronto Star.

The one artist conspicuously absent is DeForge himself. Nearly everything hung by the award-winning cartoonist, who moonlights as the props and effects designer on the gently insane fantasy cartoon series *Adventure Time*, was collected when he was in high school and college. With wall space at a premium, there haven't been many additions since.

It's not out of a fondness for his days as a student in Ottawa that the 28-year-old surrounds himself with the graphic art of his youth. The Toronto-based artist says he often wakes up on the



DeForge in his apartment-cum-studio; his work at right. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

mattress on his bedroom floor with a sense of relief that he'll never have to go to school again. "It is not a time I like looking back to," he says.

Yet he found himself revisiting adolescence for his new graphic novel *Big Kids* (Drawn & Quarterly), a coming-of-age allegory with the surreal twist that after the teen protagonist is abandoned by his best friend/bully/boyfriend,

he wakes up one afternoon as a tree. Everyone else in the world, he can now see, is either a tree or a twig.

"I tried to think of the way you feel when you are that age," he says, his chair swiveled away from his drawing table, where he's been spending the afternoon on a series of large sketches of insectoid figures with bright orange phalluses for an exhibition

this April at Weird Gallery. "Aside from all the obvious adolescent allegories, and the changes in perception, and the way he sees his body and other bodies in *Big Kids*, I feel adolescence is the time when you become very aware of the edges of the world around you."

His other work has similarly

combined dark themes with a bright palette and turned doodles into three-dimensional characters. First Year Healthy was about a woman whose mental health is deteriorating that co-stars a sacred, flame-maned cat. Christmas

Dinner from his collection *Dressing* is the story of family violence told with characters that are adorable thumb-sized puffs that wrestle through an opulent feast.

He drew *Big Kids* with a stylus on a Cintiq tablet, which replicates sketching in a digital form. The book's early pages are done in Hubba Bubba pink and electric yellow. When the protagonist turns into a tree, the landscape comes alive with psychedelic swirls that incorporate blue, peach and green.

The wildly imaginative fantastical elements are grounded by the intimacy of DeForge's

writing. "I could never write pure autobiography but the events of my life have found their ways into everything that I have drawn, sometimes unintentionally," he says. "It doesn't even have to be so much of an abstraction. Like, maybe this comic about dads was about my dad."

DeForge considers it a bonus that his work doubles as a psychological sounding board. "Something that has come up in my work is struggles with mental illness and the comics have been a good way of organizing thoughts or events in my life in a way that I don't know if I am able to outside of writing and outside of drawing," he says.

For example, *Big Kids* expresses not just the wonder and horror of adolescence but its disappointment as well. "You feel like you're different, and it tears you up inside and then you find out you're not so different and there are people like you," he says. "And then you will find in that group of people all the same hierarchies that you felt before."

"That is the ultimate joke of all these huge changes. No change is going to fix anything or solve anything. It's just more change."

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There was a time when Black Canary was a florist. Now, she's an ultra-violent rock star with a secret past. If anything sums up the way comic books are changing, it's this.

This cool, fast-paced revamp of the Golden Age character updates her in a way that even justifies her fishnets-and-leather costume, while sidestepping 70 years of tangled continuity.

Black Canary is the name of the band now, and lead singer Dinah Lance, calling herself D.D., is using her superpowered voice to blow everyone away in the music biz, and getting in a lot of fights.

Of course, this is

a comic, so there is constant peril from aliens, government agents and ninjas, plus onstage rivalries that make Jem and the Holograms seem sensible.

This book will get dated fast (check back-issue bins for old Dazzler comics if you want proof), but it doesn't matter because it's so much fun right here right now.



BOOK BRIEF

Shaughnessy Prize finalists

Books on Canadian politicians and the environment highlight this year's Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing.

The short list for the \$25,000 prize includes Stephen Harper (Signal/McClelland & Stewart) by John Ibbittson, which was a finalist for the British Columbia National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction.

Also on the list is Greg Donaghy for *Grit: The Life and Politics of Paul Martin Sr.* (UBC Press) and Norman Hillmer for *O.D. Skelton: A Portrait of Canadian Ambition* (University of Toronto Press).

Sheila Watt-Cloutier made the cut for *The Right to Be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic, and the Whole Planet* (Allen Lane), which was also a finalist for the B.C. non-fiction prize.

And Andrew Nikiforuk is a finalist for *Slick Water: Fracking and One Insider's Stand Against the World's Most Powerful Industry* (Greystone Books).

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3 ARTISTS EXPLORING EXPERIENCE

For graphic memoirists, the truth is at the core of their art. Three artists with upcoming novels talk about why their no-boundary style of storytelling so effectively grabs an audience by the heart.

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1 In-Between Days by Teva Harrison

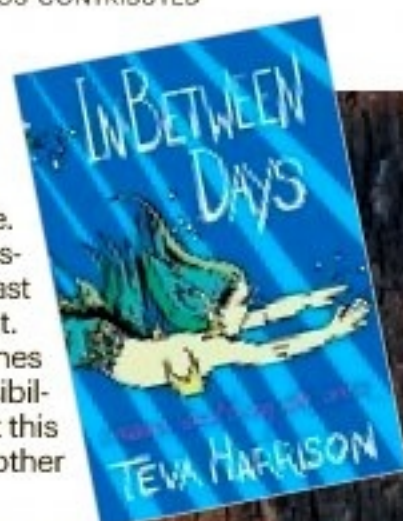
"We need to talk more about disease and living with disease. By not talking about it we are isolating the people, not the disease." When Teva Harrison was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer at the age of 37, she didn't know how to talk about it.

"There is something in the way that our society approaches cancer that instills this sense of shame or personal responsibility," she says. "I didn't want to bring other people down. But this is my life and I'm living it, and hundreds of thousands of other people are also living it, and we aren't talking about it."

What began as illustrations that Harrison drew as part of her own therapy has grown into the collection *In-Between Days* (House of Anansi), a graphic memoir and essay collection that strips down the now-39-year-old's experience with incurable cancer.

As she grappled with the diagnosis, Harrison struggled to find experiential stories of other young women living with cancer. She hopes that *In-Between Days*, arriving April 23, will provide some sort of guidance for others.

"I think the value in sharing is in truly sharing, not in holding back," she says. "Because I felt so alone and I don't want people to feel that way."



2 Dumb by Georgia Webber

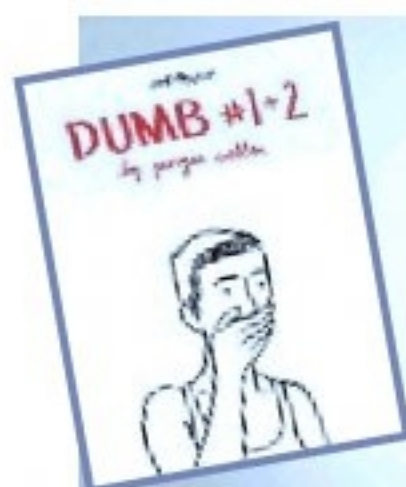
"The first thing that happens with people when I am not speaking is they stop speaking too. Or they whisper."

Georgia Webber, 26, describes herself as someone who strikes up conversations with strangers on the street and sings to herself when she's home alone. Following a summer when a pain in her throat progressively intensified, she was diagnosed with a vocal injury and stopped speaking.

At first, she planned to stay silent for two weeks. "Six weeks later, I was waking up in pain, after not speaking the whole day before," she says. "I was freaking out like, why is this not getting better?"

She started chronicling her experience in what would become *Dumb*, a series of eight graphic memoirs about her injury (volumes one and two were collected and re-released by Retrofit & Big Planet comics last month). Today, she can speak at a regular volume, interspersed with long periods of silence, but loud venues, such as concerts or parties, are too hard on her voice. Additionally, the final two volumes of *Dumb* are on hold as Webber copes with a new health issue, chronic pain in her hands.

"I'm really into sharing health stories because people tend to think that they are too personal, they are not interesting," she says. "Which is the exact opposite. The more personal it is the more interesting it is."



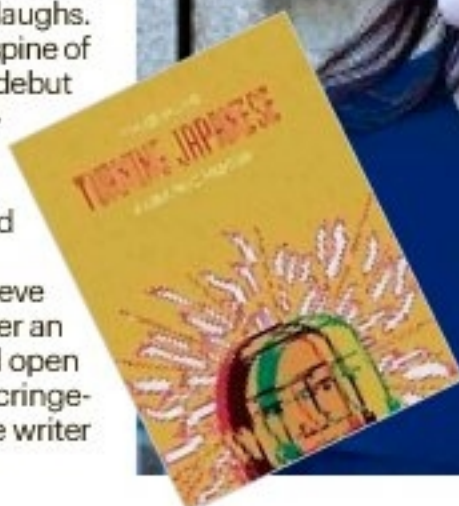
3 Turning Japanese by MariNaomi

"I am a mixed race person and I mostly knew white people. Before I had grown into a woman, I remember looking in the mirror and still feeling confused about what I was going to look like when I grew up."

When she was 22, graphic novelist MariNaomi took a job in a San Jose "hostess bar," a Japanese-style club where the women are professional socializers. The Asian-Caucasian writer thought it might make good fodder for a book — until she started work. "It was so dull and tedious I thought, I'm never writing about this!" she laughs.

Twenty-one years later, the experience forms the narrative spine of her upcoming novel *Turning Japanese* (2dcloud), which will debut at the Toronto Comic Arts Festival in May. At the time, she approached the experience as a crash-course in her Japanese roots. She quickly learned that no one was interested in her halting Japanese. "I was really kind of stupid to think I would learn about a culture by going to the bar," she laughs.

The TMI (as in too much information) advocate doesn't believe there is such a thing as oversharing, though she laughs over an awkward meeting with an editor when her book was flipped open to her own nude self-portrait. But she appreciates those cringe-worthy moments. "I feel like the best work always makes the writer uncomfortable," she says.



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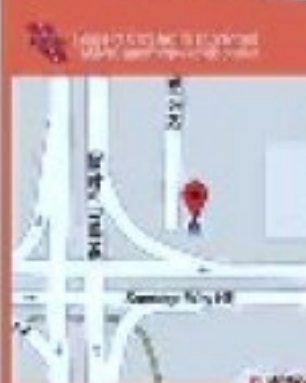
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Joan Crate delved deep into research for *Black Apple*

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



Joan Crate's character, a feisty young Blackfoot girl named Sinopaki, was born more than a decade before the Calgary author even knew she was writing her new novel, *Black Apple*.

Like so many writers juggling multiple roles, Crate only had time to jot down notes in between her busy schedule as a teacher and a mom. But there was something about Sinopaki that stuck with Crate among all the discarded characters and stories.

Published by Simon & Schuster Canada, *Black Apple* follows Sinopaki — renamed Rose Mary by nuns — as she is taken from her parents to

board at St. Mark's Residential School, where she is singled out and punished for her indefatigable spirit and imagination.

"She's modelled after my grandmother's personality," says Crate.

"She was little and tough and full of energy and did things without thinking sometimes."

Crate hadn't intended on writing a novel set in a residential school but given the timeframe of Sinopaki's story, she felt she had no choice, narrative wise.

"I knew that was fraught with all sorts of complications," says Crate.

"It really was a moral decision; I decided I didn't want to be part of the silence around residential schools."

She also knew that if she were to tackle the sensitive subject, she would have to do so by being authentic and respectful.

Crate had already undertaken some research while teaching a native literature class in the 1990s, upon discovering that many of her students didn't know much



“People who set out to do good ended up bitter and mean and attempting to take revenge on children ...”

Joan Crate on the residential school system

about aboriginal history, let alone the horrific legacy of Canada's residential-school system. She read many books and personal accounts, and spoke to survivors. Crate, whose father is half Cree, grew up with stories but says, "they were really small and capsulated, like 'if we were bad the nuns made us clean the bathroom with a toothbrush.' You'd just get little bits that people were comfortable divulging."

Sinopaki's story, which continues after she leaves the school for work, is paralleled with that of Mother Grace, a pious but intellectually minded nun at St. Mark's who has a few personal secrets of her own.

Through writing from the nun's perspective, Crate want-

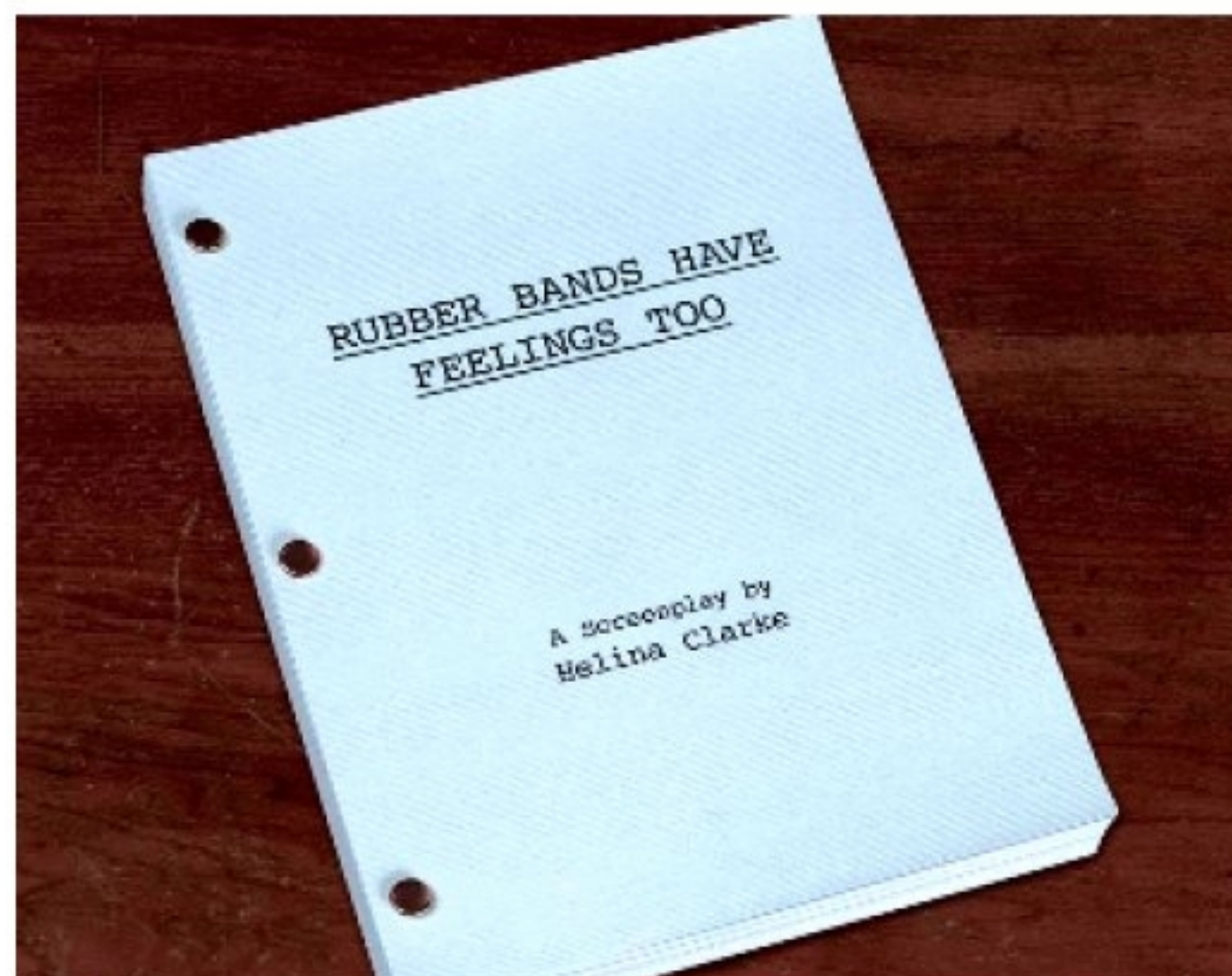
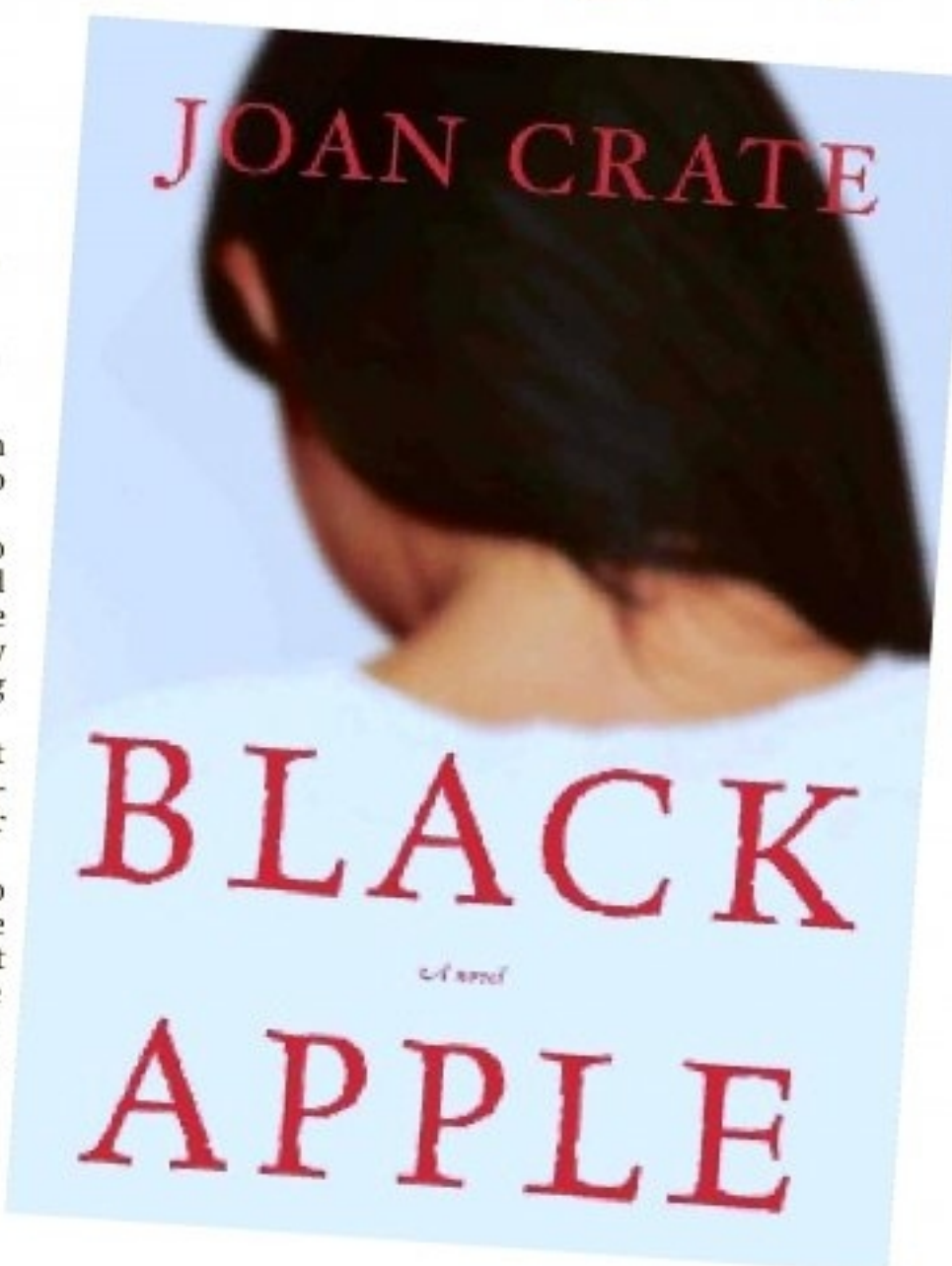
ed to explore how people with good intentions became so monstrous.

"People who set out to do good ended up bitter and mean and attempting to take revenge on children who they may have felt were stealing their lives," she says.

"I think it happened in part through a sense of superiority and a lack of respect for other cultures."

Although *Black Apple* also weaves in an unlikely love story, a murder and ghost sightings, the legacy of the residential school and how it separated child from parent is inescapable. As Crate says, it "felt like a domineering character."

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CHILDREN'S LIT

Writing books for the outsiders

When David Walliams created and starred in the irreverent BBC sketch show *Little Britain*, playing characters including a psychiatric hospital patient and an unconvincing transvestite, he was surprised to find a lot of children liked it.

"They did like the characters and the large-than-life nature of it," the London native, who's a judge on Britain's Got Talent, recalled in a phone interview.

"I thought, 'If I could somehow capture that humour in something specially for kids, they may really go for it.'"

Such was the start of his soaring side-career as a popular children's author.

He's drawn rave reviews for his humorous, touching and eccentric stories that often celebrate the diversity in kids and those who feel like outsiders.

"I wanted to say to them, 'It's OK to be different and feel different and to celebrate difference,'" said Walliams, who will be at Vancouver's Our Lady of Perpetual Help School as part of a Kidsbooks event on Thursday. On March 9, he'll be at the Toronto Reference Library.

"I think when you go to school, you're forced to conform to some extent. A friend of mine,



David Walliams CONTRIBUTED

he's a well-known fashion designer, he said, 'You're your true self before you go to school.' He said when he was a kid he used to dress up as a girl and have a great time and then when he went to school he realized he had to conform otherwise his life was going to be difficult.

"I really want to celebrate difference as much as possible."

Walliams's latest book, *Grandpa's Great Escape*, touches on dementia as it follows 12-year-old Jack and his grandfather, a Second World War veteran who is losing his memory and starting to think he's still the young pilot he used to be.

It's one of several of Walli-

ams's books in which the young protagonist is interacting with an elder.

Gangsta Granny, for instance, is about a young boy's relationship with his jewel-thief grandmother. Walliams's writing has been compared to that of the late, great Roald Dahl, author of children's books including *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Matilda*.

"He's definitely my hero as a writer and one of the reasons he's my hero is that he wrote a different book every time, it was a different story," said Walliams, 44. "I think he counterbalances brilliantly humour and darkness."

Walliams has a similar goal in his writing.

"I do think you want to write a book as a children's author that kids are going to feel is a bit forbidden," he said.

"A book they're going to read under the duvet with a torch feeling like they're being a bit naughty by reading it, feeling like their parents might go, 'Oh, what are you reading this for? You should read this.'"

"Roald Dahl often had that quality and it's something I definitely aspire to, the idea that the books are a little bit naughty and maybe the teacher wouldn't quite approve." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Turning a queer advice column into a guidebook

NEW BOOK

Writer helps women navigate a largely uncharted world

From coming out to dating to dealing with discrimination, Lindsay King-Miller has put together a guide, *Ask a Queer Chick*, that is tailor made for — as she describes — “girls who dig girls.”

The title of the new book, out in February from the Penguin imprint Plume, is also the name of the advice column King-Miller has written online since 2011.

“I wanted to expand on some of the questions I get asked most frequently,” she said in a recent interview from Denver, where she is a guest artist in creative writing at the Denver School of the Arts.

“The primary audience for the book is intended to be young LG-BTQ people, but I do include a chapter that’s directed at straight and cisgender people who have questions about how to interact and support the queer people in their lives,” she said.

King-Miller, 28, said young people in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning community often don’t have a personal go-to source in their lives for “compassionate guidance” or the kind of advice usually dispensed by a mother, older sister or other close friend or family member.

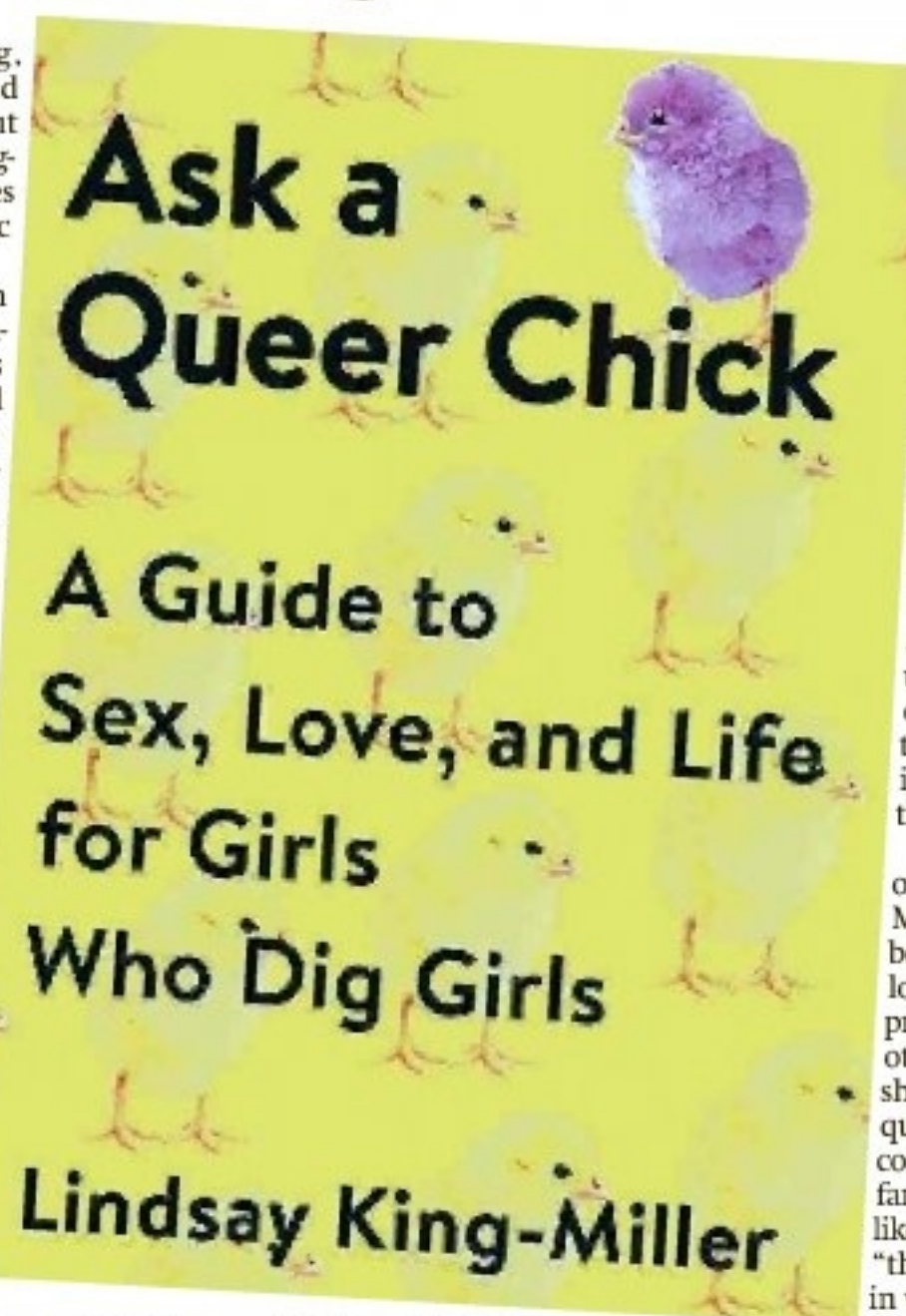
While she covers broad topics

such as dating, breaking up and how to seek out community, King-Miller also focuses on more specific issues.

Take “lesbian bed death,” for instance. She calls that an “awful term” coined in the 1980s to describe the “supposed tendency of queer women to stop having sex altogether after a few years of dating.”

The term, she laughed, sounds more like a lethal disease. King-Miller notes the phenom has been “somewhat discredited” in recent years but the phrase hangs on.

“The idea of LBD makes people nervous, if you go a few days or a few weeks without having sex. You go, ‘Oh no, is this lesbian bed death,’” she said. “Is this how it starts? The reality is subsequent studies have shown that all people in long-term relationships find that the frequency of their sex lives decreases, then tends to plateau and stay below what it was in the first year.”



cated from your gay social scene. Learning to co-exist with exes in a peaceful and non-adversarial way is probably a good life skill to have across the board. It’s maybe even more important for queer women because it’s really hard to go through a lesbian breakup. If there’s one gay bar in town you’re going to see your ex there.”

Coming out is one thing, King-Miller said, but being rejected by loved ones in the process is quite another. It’s an area she is asked about quite a lot by her column readers. If familial rejection is likely, she counsels, “there’s no shame in waiting to come out to them until you’ve saved up some money and are prepared to move out and support yourself.”

Unfortunately, the supply of LGBTQ-friendly shelters doesn’t always keep pace with the demand of young people who find themselves on the streets. And internalizing the rejection, she said, can be a struggle.

“If you do walk away from the people who raised you, you still won’t be alone,” King-Miller reinforces in the book. “There is a world of LGBTQ and allied people out there, many of whom would be thrilled to share support, friendship and mix CDs with you.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Lindsay King-Miller on why she wrote a book

MUSIC

A\$AP Rocky to host MTV’s Woodies



A\$AP Rocky. GETTY IMAGES

Rapper and actor A\$AP Rocky will host MTV’s reimagined Woodies this month.

The network announced Wednesday that Rocky will host the 12th-annual show on March 16 at the South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas.

The Woodies look to discover emerging musicians, honouring winners with a chunk of wood that has a large nail pierced down the middle and a hammer attached to the front of it. But MTV is changing things up this year:

Instead of handing out awards, the show will chose 10 music artists they believe are poised to rise in 2016. The show will be dubbed “MTV Woodies/10 for 16.”

“This is all about shedding light on the music of this generation, the love and bond between different artists,” the rapper said in a recent interview. “We want to shed light at the Woodies on those who influence a lot of people and those who don’t get credit.”

The 10 rising acts will be an-

nounced at a later date, as will performers. Past Woodie winners include Drake, Sam Smith and Adele. In 2014, Rocky and Skillzrex won a Woodie for their song Wild for the Night, and Rocky has also performed at the show.

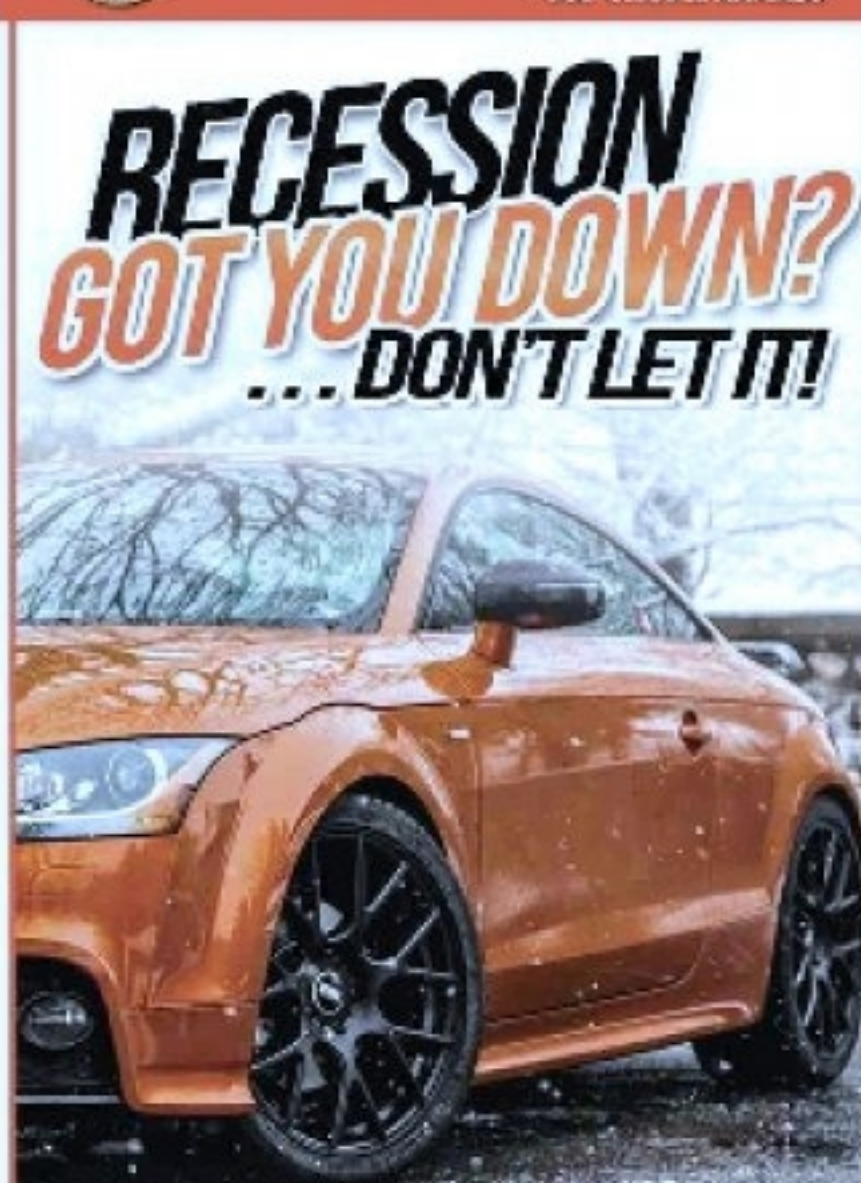
He said he feels confident as a first-time host of the show. The Grammy-nominated rapper, who starred in the movie 2015 Dope and appears in Zoolander 2, said there’s more pressure in acting in films than hosting.

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Mike Nichols with Elaine May in 1955. CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

An artistic life cut short

THE SHOW: *Becoming Mike Nichols* (HBO)
THE MOMENT: *The Thrill*

Film and theatre director Mike Nichols, who died in 2014, chats for 75 minutes with fellow theatre director Jack O'Brien about his early career. (It turned out to be Nichols' last interview, though of course he couldn't know that.)

A brilliant raconteur — gentle, gentlemanly and also mischievous — Nichols draws a through-line from his improv work with Elaine May (the clips are priceless), to his early stage directing (*Barefoot in the Park*, *The Odd*

Couple), to his first films (*The Graduate*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*). Throughout, he stresses salient points again and again: the importance of putting in hours of hard work. The importance of trusting your unconscious to guide you. The idea that art isn't life, but something important about life.

Near the end, Nichols arrives here: One minute you don't know what idea you're striving to communicate, or how to do it, and the next "you suddenly get it," he says. "That's the great thrill, whether it happens in your life, your work, your



Suddenly you get it. That's the great thrill ... When you get it, everything shifts. There's nothing like it. It's why we're here.

Director Mike Nichols

study. When you get it, everything shifts. There's nothing like it. It's why we're here. It's what we have to nourish."

A better description of the artistic process cannot be found. *Becoming Mike Nichols* feels as if it were meant to be the first in a series of docs, which Nichols' death cut short. But we're lucky

to have this one.

"We cared for each other, and we cared for what we were doing," Nichols sums up. Now that's a beautiful life.

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Loretta Lynn and actor Sissy Spacek look at the original *Coal Miner's Daughter* movie script in *American Masters* - Loretta Lynn: *Still a Mountain Girl*. The PBS documentary premieres March 4 at 9 p.m. ELLIOTT HALPERN, YAP FILMS INC.

Loretta Lynn on tour at 83

COUNTRY MUSIC

Coal miner's daughter still knows how to laugh at herself

Loretta Lynn has been performing country and western songs for more than 60 years on stages throughout North America so it's not surprising she has a few yarns to tell.

Pantyhose and fake lashes

Like the first time she tried pantyhose and bought a pair so large Lynn discovered the crotch sagging below her knees in mid-song.

"I was so embarrassed," says Lynn, laughing. "I kicked them off and went on singing and playing guitar."

Then there's the time she wore her first pair of false eyelashes for a show.

"By the end, one was on my forehead and one was on my chin. I learned if I was doing something new to not try it out on the show first."

A new album, a PBS documentary and a Broadway show

The 83-year-old coal miner's daughter is busy touring to pro-

mote her first new album in over a decade, *Full Circle*, released Thursday by Sony.

This coincides with the PBS broadcast of the *American Masters* documentary *Loretta Lynn: Still a Mountain Girl* the same day.

The icing on the cake is a Broadway show about her life titled *Coal Miner's Daughter* to open later this spring.

Lynn says she plans to sit in the front row and challenge actress Zooey Deschanel, "Let's hear it. Let's see what you can do."

Portrayed in 1980 biopic

Lynn has already received the biopic treatment in the 1980 movie *Coal Miner's Daughter* starring Sissy Spacek. The actress toured with Lynn for an entire year before shooting the film, which Lynn says was exhausting.

"She wanted to learn my accents and ways. But I was working meantime and then working with her."

Duets with Willie Nelson and Elvis Costello

Old friend Willie Nelson sings a duet with Lynn, the album's last song, *Lay Me Down*. They met when they both landed in Nashville at the same time as young performers. "He's a really good guy," says Lynn.

Another collaborator, on

MUSIC WITH A MESSAGE

Rocky marriage

Married to Mooney Lynn for a turbulent 48 years, many of her songs chronicle his drinking and roving eye. A non-drinker and non-smoker, Lynn tried once to show Mooney just how unattractive drunkenness was.

She'd had a bottle and a

half of beer when she asked him to stop the truck so she could relieve herself. She got out of the truck and "fell face down." Mooney didn't like what he saw but didn't change his behaviour.

The song *Wine Into Water* is a call for sobriety, but one that Mooney didn't live to hear her sing.

Everything It Takes, was Elvis Costello, whom Lynn described as "a blast."

North of the border debut

Although Canada is not yet on her tour schedule, Lynn is hoping to come here; it's where she got her start in the entertainment business.

A Vancouver company, Zero Records, produced her first album, which had a hit in *Honky Tonk Girl*. She moved to Decca Records and is now happily ensconced with Sony.

Write away

She continues to write and has a wealth of material from the last 10 years.

"If I get an idea, I write it down. Sometimes it's written in 15 minutes. Sometimes it takes two or three days."

Carter Cash connection

One of her collaborators is John Carter Cash, the son of Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash. Lynn used to babysit him while travelling the circuit with his parents and now he's producing a treasure trove of Lynn's records, ranging from Christmas albums to gospel.

Family affair

She travels with family and her twin daughters open the show. Recently, she forgot some of the words of one of her new songs. "Patsy came out to help; we laughed. Then the people in the audience tried to help out. I said, 'I got enough people helping me, thank you.'"

As serious as she is about her career, Lynn continues to enjoy a good laugh at her own expense.

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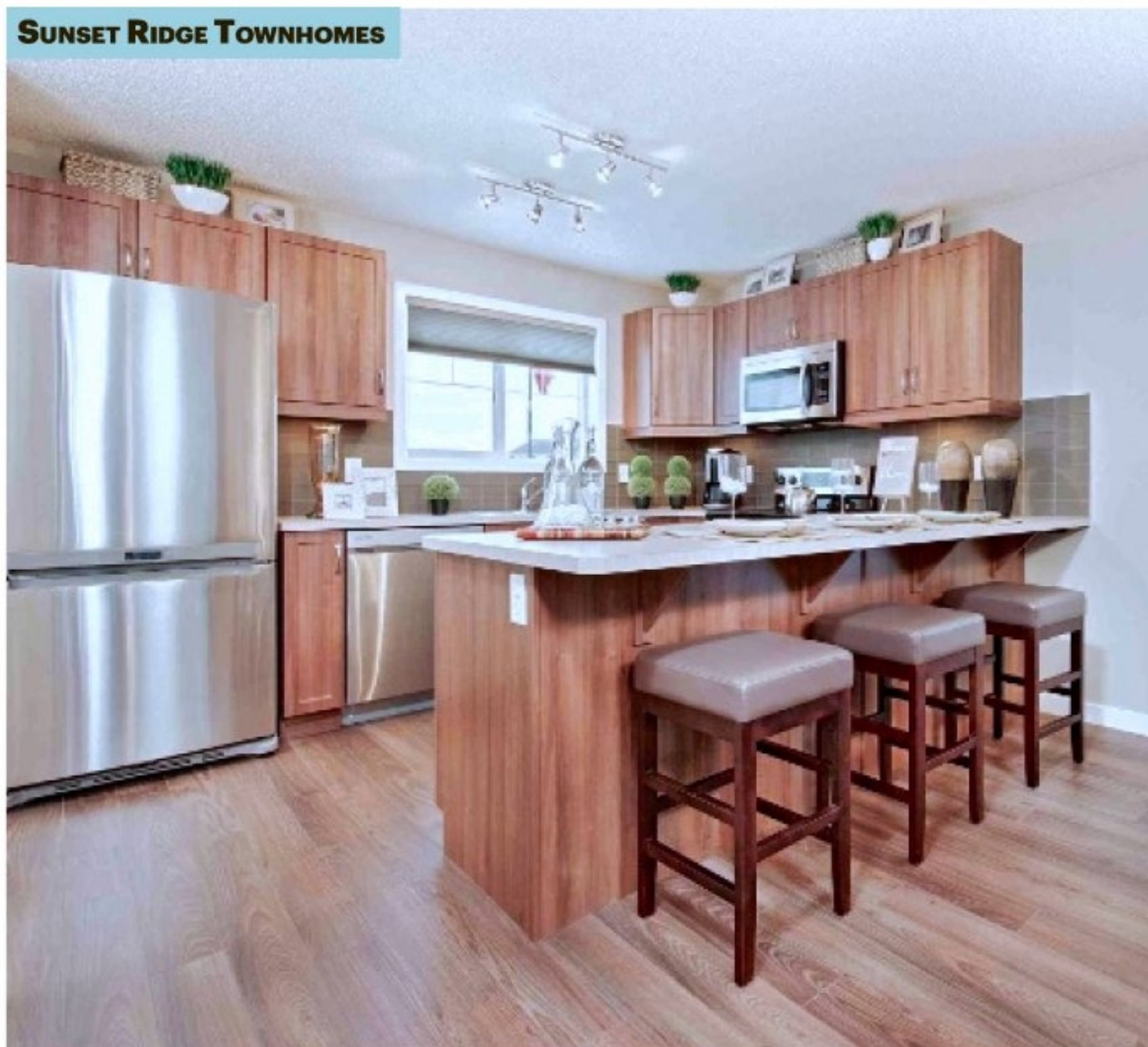
Park, pathways and lots of green space highlight this community with a brand new K-8 school across the street that is expected to open in the fall. In the town of Cochrane, there are many popular restaurants and unique shopping boutiques that add to the small town charm.

Location and transit

Located up in Sunset Ridge, Cochrane, there is no direct transit available but there are commuter options for those working in Calgary and quick access to the transit line, including the Tuscany LRT. For outdoors lovers, the Rocky Mountains are just a short drive away.

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4 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW MORTGAGE RULES

Homebuyers in Canada now face larger down payment requirements for properties over \$500,000. The changes that were implemented last month are intended to temper some of Canada's heated real estate markets. Here are four things to know about the new rules.

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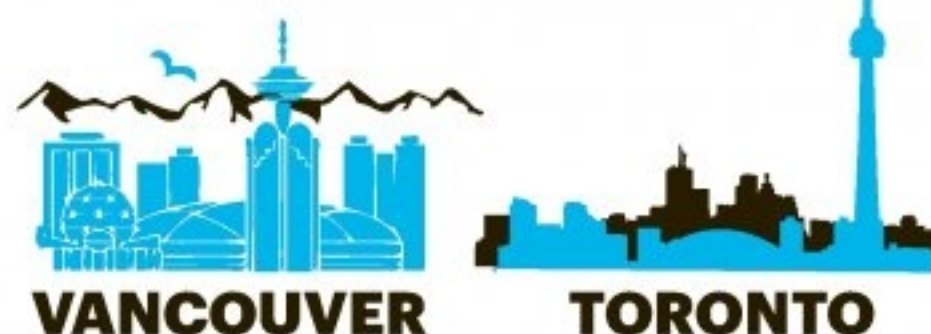
1 Cough up the cash

Homebuyers now have to put a down payment of at least 10 per cent on the portion of the price of a home over \$500,000. For anyone buying a home for \$700,000 — a common list price in Vancouver and Toronto — that means the minimum down payment will rise to \$45,000 from \$35,000. Any home under \$500,000 still requires only a down payment of five per cent.



2 Who's affected

Primarily those shopping for a home in Toronto and Vancouver. First-time buyers in those cities will feel the pinch since they'll be required to put down bigger down payments to get into the market. Those selling their homes in order to size up, especially in cities with hot housing markets, likely won't feel the pain since they've built up equity in those properties.



3 Impact

The influence the new rules will have over house prices is expected to be small, experts say, given their narrow reach. When he announced the changes in December, Finance Minister Bill Morneau said they are expected to affect one per cent or less of the real estate market.



4 Past measures

Four rounds of changes were made to tighten eligibility rules for new insurable loans between 2008 and 2012. Among them: the minimum down payment was increased to five per cent, the maximum amortization period was reduced to 25 years from 30 years and the maximum insurable house price was limited to below \$1 million.

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HOME DESIGN TRENDS

In the reno world, garages are getting all the attention

Many homeowners would never let sports gear, tools and yard equipment clutter up the front hall where it's the first things guests see.

But they're willing to wend their own way into the house through a garage stuffed with those things, plus patio furniture, bikes, holiday decorations and more, says Todd Carter of Tailored Living featuring PremierGarage, in Reston, Virginia.

The company focuses on renovating and improving garages, and that's a hot area in home renovation, experts say. From cabinetry and shelving, to flooring and overhead storage, there are many new ways to turn a garage into an organized and attractive space for storage, entertaining or working out.

The trend has been made especially possible by today's larger garages.

"The sky's the limit," said Greg Parsons, owner of Motor City Garages in Clarkston, Michigan. "It's all based on the homeowner's stuff."

He routinely outfits garages with high-end, scratch-resistant cabinetry, sinks and epoxy flooring — an easy-to-clean coating that comes in numerous colours and finishes. He recently added a line of cabinetry that lets buyers customize the color to match their car.

Some homeowners end up adding televisions and seating, Parsons said.

Jeff and Linda Marsack of Macomb, Michigan, hired Parsons to organize their two-car garage. They added cabinets to store shoes, sporting equipment and tools. She chose red cabinets to match their kitchen.

"Every time you open your garage, you really do smile because it's so organized," she said.

"Who doesn't love an organized space?"

Susan Rhodes of Tempe, Ari-



I'm definitely seeing more interest in the garage. It often starts with function and then jumps into fun.

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Bathroom vanities can be used in the garage as a stylish alternative to traditional garage organization. Plus, the sink helps keep garage grime at bay. HOME DEPOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

zona, purged a lot of items from her garage, added nice flooring and cabinetry, and created a work bench near a window where she can do crafts or pot flowers. The space is so tidy that when temperatures dropped over Christmas, she moved tables from the patio into the garage for dining.

"It was just perfect," she said.

"It's good to know, it's not just for cars and gardening."

Professional organizer Melanie Dennis gets many calls from homeowners who want to redo their garage because it's too cluttered to fit a car.

"It's a combination of people not wanting to get rid of their stuff and having access to buy things 24/7 and have it delivered to their house," said Dennis, owner of Neat Streak in Columbus, Ohio.

Families today have more stuff than previous generations did, she said. They decorate for more holidays, have dishes that they only use on special dinners, and hang onto photos and sentimental items with the intent of making scrapbooks, she said.

Bill McDonough, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for M/I Homes, a Colum-

bus-based home builder, agrees.

"The big trend has one word, and that is 'storage,'" he said. "People of all ages have an increasing amount of stuff."

Customers increasingly ask for three-car garages or bump-outs that extend the garage's length or width, McDonough said.

The National Association of Homebuilders found that 23 per cent of new homes built in 2014 had three or more garage bays. In 1994, only 13 per cent of new homes had garages that large, according to the Washington-based organization.

Storage products for the garage include wall-mounted panels with slots that can hold everything from pliers to bikes to motorized lifts for hanging golf bags and kayaks. There's cabinetry designed specifically to hold power tools.

Garage renovations are also a popular do-it-yourself project, said Jason Arigoni, field divisional merchandizing manager for Home Depot's Southern Division.

"I'm definitely seeing more interest in the garage," he said. "It often starts with function and then jumps into fun."

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"I was happy for them and the run that they had, but now it's our turn": Former Blue Jays infielder Brett Lawrie, now with the White Sox



Jonathan Toews, left, and Sidney Crosby helped Canada win gold at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

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WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Canada sticks to its guns

Mike Babcock will coach a very familiar Team Canada at the World Cup of Hockey.

Twelve of the 16 players selected to Canada's initial roster won gold under Babcock at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, including goaltender Carey Price of the Montreal Canadiens, who has been out of NHL action with an injury. Goalies Braden Holtby of the Washington Capitals and Corey Crawford of the Chicago Blackhawks were also selected to the team.



The hardest part is the part to come. Not the first 16. My wife could've done that.

Mike Babcock

P.K. Subban, the electric risk-and-reward Canadiens defenceman who played sparingly in Sochi, was left off the first 16 as Canada went with Drew Doughty of the Los Angeles Kings, Shea Weber of the Nashville Predators, Duncan Keith of the Chicago Blackhawks and Marc-Edouard Vlasic of the San Jose Sharks.

Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins and Jonathan Toews of the Blackhawks lead the forward group, which includes only two newcomers: Steven Stamkos of the Tampa Bay Lightning and Tyler Seguin of the Dallas Stars.

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McDavid-Eichel tag team

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Top two draft picks in 2015 named to U23 North America

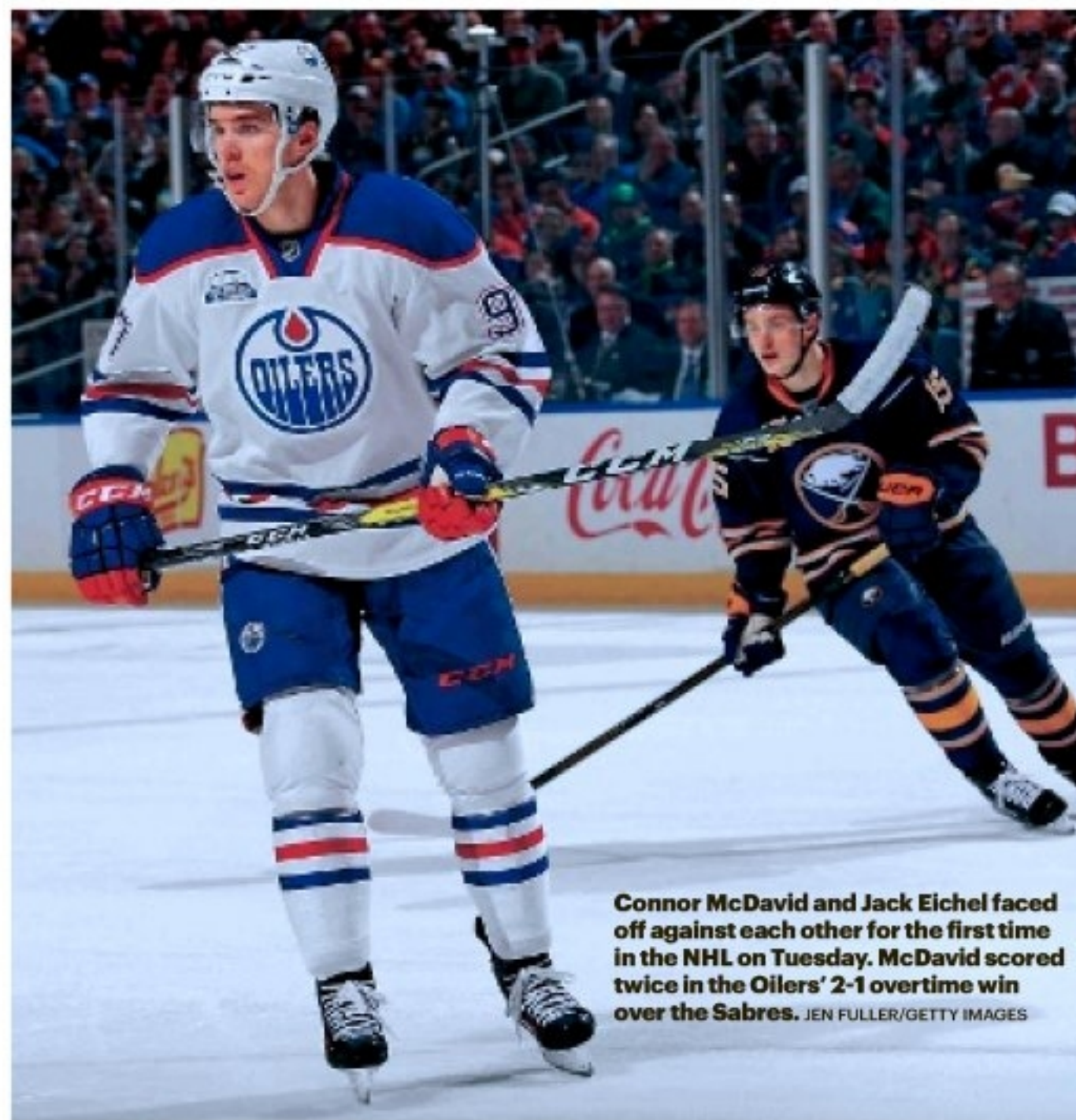
North American general manager Peter Chiarelli was still gushing Wednesday evening over the first NHL matchup of Connor McDavid and Jack Eichel, allured by the prospect of what the two young stars might deliver next fall.

McDavid and Eichel headlined the first group of players named to the North American entry at the upcoming World Cup to be played in Toronto.

Restricted to only those 23 or younger — born on or after Oct. 1, 1992 — the roster also includes promising Colorado Avalanche star Nathan MacKinnon, Florida Panthers cornerstone defender Aaron Ekblad as well as the Calgary Flames' exciting two-some, Johnny Gaudreau and Sean Monahan.

MacKinnon and Ekblad were the last two winners of the Calder Trophy for the NHL's top rookie, while Gaudreau continues his race up the NHL's scoring charts.

Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of the roster, though, is the combination of generational stars McDavid and Eichel, the first and second overall picks at last June's draft. Long linked and compared, the two met for the first time in the NHL earlier this week, McDavid scoring both goals in the Oilers' 2-1 overtime win.



Connor McDavid and Jack Eichel faced off against each other for the first time in the NHL on Tuesday. McDavid scored twice in the Oilers' 2-1 overtime win over the Sabres. JEN FULLER/GETTY IMAGES

ers' 2-1 overtime win.

North American management counted itself lucky to have both, among others, at their disposal.

"I'm just observant that the other GMs — Dean (Lombardi)

and Doug (Armstrong) — are jealous and they've told me such because those two would probably be on the big team," Chiarelli said of his counterparts with the American and Canadian squads. "(I) probably

don't fully appreciate it.

"I think probably in 10 years we'll look back and truly appreciate it."

In boasting the skillful likes of the McDavid, Eichel, MacKinnon and Gaudreau, the

+ GOALTENDING

The squad's goalie stable will be full of Americans with Ducks goaltender John Gibson standing as the likely No. 1, complemented by Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck and Penguins prospect Matt Murray.

"One of these goalies can get hot and boost us up quite a bit," associate GM Stan Bowman said, noting Gibson's brief performance in the NHL playoffs two seasons ago.

North Americans expect to play an uptempo game at the World Cup, the power of young legs, they hope, adding an advantage when the tournament begins just before the start of the NHL regular season.

"All of our guys can skate and we're going to push the pace," Chiarelli said.

That pace may be necessary given the inexperience of the North American defence, which is led by Ekblad, the reigning Calder Trophy winner. The Panthers 20-year-old sensation was joined in the initial grouping by Blue Jackets teammates Seth Jones and Ryan Murray along with Morgan Rielly, the Maple Leafs' 21-year-old defenceman.

Seven Canadians made the first group, joined by nine players from the U.S.

Oilers head coach Todd McLellan will coach the North American team.

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NHL

League-worst Leafs succumb to Caps



Alex Ovechkin and Matt Niskanen celebrate in D.C.

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Matt Niskanen and the NHL's top power-play unit cashed in yet again as the Washington Capitals outlasted the youthful and overmatched Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2 on Wednesday night.

The Capitals reached 98 points for the season and matched the 1995-96 Detroit Red Wings for the most wins through 63 games with 47. The Maple Leafs remained in last place in the league with 52 points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Chapman says he didn't get physical with girlfriend

A day after accepting a 30-game suspension, New York Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman has apologized for using a gun and insisted he never hurt his girlfriend.

His girlfriend told police he pushed and choked her. Chapman said there was an argument but he was pushed down by her brother, then got a handgun and fired eight shots into a wall and window while locked in his garage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Leicester's top rivals fail to gain ground

Leicester strengthened its place atop the Premier League without even playing on Wednesday, after its three main title rivals all lost to cap another unpredictable round in England's top division.

Tottenham could have climbed above Leicester into first place with a win at West Ham, but lost 1-0 through Michail Antonio's early goal.

Third-place Arsenal couldn't take advantage, losing 2-1 at home to Swansea despite taking the lead against the relegation

+ LAST MATCH

Leicester drew 2-2 at home to West Bromwich Albion on Tuesday.

contenders.

Manchester City completed a miserable evening for the title hopefuls by getting beaten 3-0 at Liverpool, where City has now won only once in 35 years.

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Sanchez hopes to gain from pain



Blue Jays Russell Martin, front, and Josh Donaldson warm up on deck during action against the Phillies in Dunedin, Fla. on Wednesday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

BLUE JAYS

Bulked-up pitcher takes aim at return to team's rotation

Aaron Sanchez set the goal to be in the Toronto Blue Jays 2016 starting rotation the moment they lost to Kansas City in last year's American League Championship Series.

In the five months since, he's been training hard to make that happen. Sanchez worked out with teammate Marcus Stroman all off-season, bulking up his slender frame by adding 25 pounds of muscle. He's already noticed the fruits of that labour.

"My mechanics are a lot better than they were last year," Sanchez said after pitching two innings in Toronto's 4-4 tie with the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday, the Jays' spring home opener. "What I thought was right last year wasn't right."

"With the stability I've got through these workouts everything just comes more natural. I don't really have to think about it," Sanchez pitched the third and

fourth innings, allowing one run on three hits while striking out three.

"I'm just overall (more stable) throughout my delivery," the 23-year-old said. "Where I thought things were going right last year they weren't and that's because I wasn't stable and strong enough to do that stuff."

Manager John Gibbons said Sanchez "looks like a big leaguer" with his new physique.

"He's turned into a man," Gibbons said. "He looks strong. He's only going to get better and better over the years. He looked good." Second baseman Ryan Goins drove in two runs for Toronto (1-0-1) and Dwight Smith Jr. scored the tying run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the ninth.

Domonic Brown, facing his former team for the first time since being acquired by Toronto earlier this spring, drove in a run with a single off Philadelphia's Vincent Velasquez in the fourth. R.A. Dickey threw 25 pitches, 14 for strikes, over the first two in-



Aaron Sanchez
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nings. The knuckleballer allowed one run on two hits and struck out one in his first game action since having off-season surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee.

"I was really pleased with the way my body felt," the 41-year-old said. "Right now it's not at all about results. It's much more about getting your body ready for the grind of a long season."

Jesse Chavez, who's also in the mix for Toronto's fifth starter spot, struck out two and walked one through the fifth and sixth frames. "That's Jesse's game," Gibbons said. "Jesse was a power-guy, but he was scattered every now and then. Now he's polished. He's refined it."

Cameron Rupp drove in a run off Dickey with a base hit in the second. Anthony Altherr hit a solo homer off Sanchez in the fourth, Peter Bourjos had an RBI triple off David Aardsma in the seventh and Andrew Knapp gave the Phillies (0-1-1) a 4-3 lead with a double off Ben Rowen in the top of the ninth. Josh Donaldson, making his spring debut after sitting out Tuesday's game against the Phillies in Clearwater, Fla., had a base hit in his first at-bat.

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SKIING

Vonn's season ends due to knee injury

A hairline fracture in her left knee didn't deter Lindsey Vonn. Still, she raced. Three significant-sized fractures that could — if they became any worse — lead to surgery and possibly an end to her career? Now that got the attention of the all-time winningest female World Cup skier.

Vonn announced Wednesday that she was leaving the racing circuit early after an MRI revealed the injury in her tibial plateau — the top of the shinbone at the knee joint — was more serious than first believed. She crashed over the weekend, but competed the next day.

And this was shaping up for quite a finish, too. With eight



Lindsey Vonn
GETTY IMAGES

races to go, Vonn leads the overall World Cup standings with 1,235 points, followed closely by Lara Gut of Switzerland with 1,207.

Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany is third with 914.

"Because I am currently leading the overall World Cup standings, this is one of the toughest decisions of my career," Vonn said on her Facebook page. "While I am confident that I'm making the right decision, it still doesn't make this decision any easier." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Raps' Lowry and DeRozan combine to sink Jazz

The Toronto Raptors continue to win at the Air Canada Centre.

Kyle Lowry scored 32 points while fellow all-star DeMar DeRozan added 31 as the Raptors beat the Utah Jazz 104-94 on Wednesday, stretching their franchise-record home win streak to 11 games.

Terrence Ross added 11 points, while Jonas Valanciunas finished with 10 points and eight rebounds for Toronto (40-19). Gordon Hayward had 26 points to top the Jazz (28-32) in their fourth straight loss, while Saskatoon-born Trey Lyles finished with six points in 25 minutes.

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- Ingredients**
- 1 clove garlic, minced really fine
 - 1/2 red onion, minced fine
 - 1 tsp cumin
 - 1 Tbsp chili powder
 - Pinch of salt and pepper
 - 1 egg, whisked
 - 1 lb ground chicken
 - 4 thin slices of cheddar
 - 3/4 to 1 cup guacamole
 - Lettuce, tomato and whatever else you like on a burger
 - 4 buns

Crema
• 1 small (250 ml) con-

- tainer of sour cream
• 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
• 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
• Pinch of salt and pepper

Directions

1. In a small bowl, stir together the Crema ingredients.
2. Have a clean plate ready to place your burger patties on. In a large bowl, combine burger ingredients up to ground chicken. Shape the meat into patties.
3. Add a touch of oil to your pan and warm it up over medium heat. Put patties in and allow them to cook on the first side for about 5 minutes. Flip them over and cook 2 or 3 minutes before placing the slices of cheese on top. Place a lid on the pan or cover with foil to help the cheese melt. Use a meat thermometer to make sure the internal temperature is 165 F.
4. Toast buns to keep them from getting soggy. Spread Crema on the bottom bun, add lettuce, burger, guac and top with the bun.

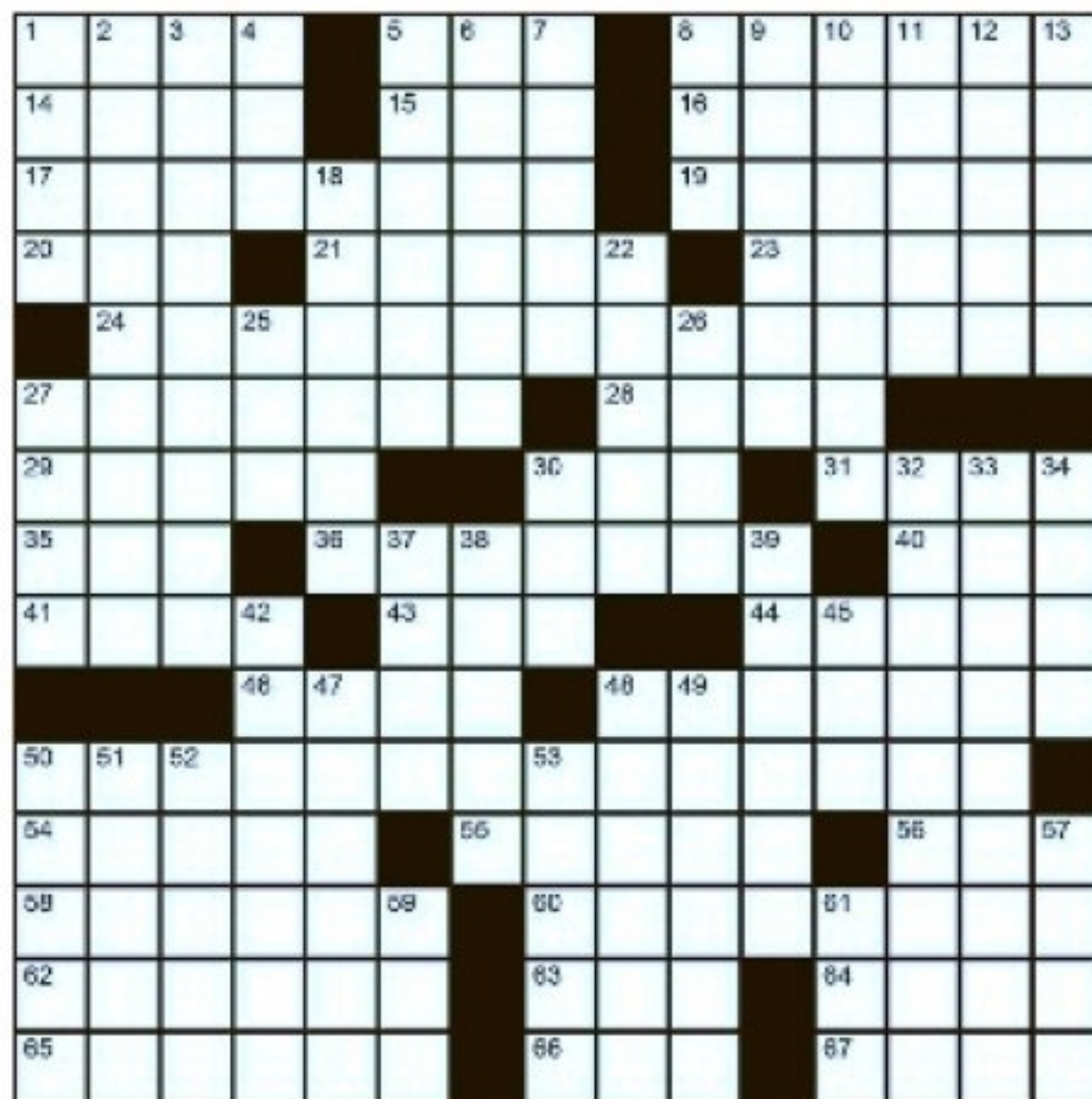
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5. Aves.
8. Conquer
14. Oman money
15. Comedian/ac-tress Margaret
16. Jim-Bob Wal-ton's mother
17. Agree to an agree-ment in pen: 3 wds.
19. Nurses, for ex-ample
20. Twisted Sister singer Mr. Snider
21. "___ of Old Smoky"
23. Literary sleuth Mr. Wolfe's
24. Polar Bears, but not Penguins: 2 wds.
27. Messy stain
28. Mexico cur-rency
29. Turn ___ (Move past something)
30. River islet
31. Pickup trucks, e.g.
35. Class
36. Windows icons area
40. "___ get it!"
41. Bee Gees: "How ___ Is Your Love"
43. Co. for commut-ers in Toronto
44. Legendary chor-eographer Mr. Ailey
46. ___ Sanctorum (Collection of the biographies of Chris-tian saints)
48. Stephane Dion, Minister of ___ Affairs
50. Renowned Toronto artists group of the 1950s: 2 wds.



54. Ladder 'levels'
55. Affordable noodle dish
56. Cost
58. Home of Odys-seus
60. Like the works by #50-Across
62. Vowel-friendly

- Ontario village
63. "Surprise!"
64. Prefix mean-ing 'Within'
65. Work at getting even more paint off
66. Train ___
67. Glenn Frey's "The Heat ___"

DOWN

1. Dry
2. Ananas, in Angleterre
3. Called 'The Centre of Canada', it's the only inland community in Nunavut: 2 wds.
4. Mid-'70s kid-

- nappers
5. Picturesque
6. Shakespeare's Globe roof style
7. Funkadelic's "One Na-tion Under a Groove" bit: "___ you can't get under it..."
8. Leader of Sneezys

- band
9. Some antelopes
10. It'll crackle/glow giving warmth
11. "...if ___ saw one!"
12. Keep an ___ mystery
13. Parisian 'cup'
18. Like con-tract lines
22. Songbird sort
25. Gear tooth
26. Jared ___
27. Remarkd
30. U.S. dog org.
32. Lovers of dramas, Oscars, scenes, etc.: 2 wds.
33. ___ Bay (Bay of Fundy inlet)
34. ___ Fein (Irish re-publican party)
37. 'Bachelor' suffix
38. Beatles drum-mer Ringo
39. Mother or father
42. Prehistoric super-continent
45. After-Exo-dus bk.
47. Hospital diag-nostic tool, e.g.: letters + wd.
48. 'Austin Powers' techie temptress
49. "Little House on the Prairie" character Nellie's surname
50. Busybody
51. Other: French
52. "The Shoop Shoop Song (It's ___ Kiss)"
53. Swedish cars
57. Certain collar
59. Accounting re-view, briefly
61. King, in Portugal

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will gain a new perspective on what's important and what your long-term ambitions should be. Don't hold on too tightly to what you've got because what's coming next will be so much better.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may look calm on the outside but on the inside your emotions are bubbling and what happens next will bring them to the boil. That's good. It isn't healthy to keep all that passion and aggression bottled up inside.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Things may not have worked out the way you hoped they would but there's no need to worry about it and even less need to change directions.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may be tempted to tear down something it took you a lot of time and effort to build, simply because it is not up to the high standards you set for yourself, but the plan-ets warn you will regret it if you do. Stop being so hard on yourself.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Act on your feelings. No matter how unpopular it might make you, if that little voice in your head says it is the right thing to do you should know better than to ignore it. Act now!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't take chances with money, even more so if it belongs to other people. Wait and see what the week-end brings before taking risks.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
At times you wonder why you put up with someone's bad behaviour. So why do you? Most likely there is no reason at all, so get your act together and get them out of your life once and for all. You will feel better for it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try not to make an issue of what-ever it is you are expected to do today. Take it in your stride. It will only get complicated if you make it complicated — so don't!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Find a positive outlet for all that energy you've got inside you. Affairs of the heart and creative activities are well-starred, so focus on these and avoid anything negative.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Cosmic activity in the domestic area of your chart will reach critical mass today. If there is some kind of explo-sion the results should be positive. At the very least you will know why a loved one needs more attention.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't waste time arguing with people whose views are wrong. It's highly unlikely you'll convince them, so let them keep on making mis-takes while you keep on having fun.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
There will be changes in your money situation. Whether they are good or bad remains to be seen but if you approach them in a sensible manner you won't be out of pocket for long.

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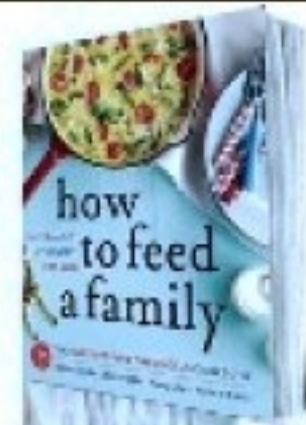
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